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NEW SCIENCE ANNEX

Annex construction has started; Gov. Deval Patrick to attend Sept. 18 groundbreaking

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The fences are up and construction is set to begin.

The science annex, which is to be added to Wilson Hall, is set for groundbreaking on Sept. 18.

Students and faculty returning to campus this year were greeted by fences and staging areas for the second time in four years. The other project was University Hall, which was finished by September of last year.

Following the erection of the fences, the contractor will be moving equipment into the staging area and will be completing any pre-work tasks before the Sept. 18 start date.

Walsh Brothers will be the contractor and Cambridge Seven will be staying on as the architects. The two companies were also on the University Hall project.

The project is still on budget, although it is tight. Costs across the state have been rising due to the amount of construction, especially in eastern Massachusetts.

The groundbreaking, which is planned for Sept. 18, is expected to be a pompous affair.

Gov. Deval Patrick is expected to be in attendance at the event as well as the following Senior Convocation.

University and legislative dignitaries will be in also be in attendance. In addition to the governor, interim president Elizabeth Preston and SGA president Rebecca DiVico will be giving speeches. The time of the event has been slated for 2 p.m. but it will be solidified as the event gets closer.

Related to other campus programs, improvements to Davis Hall are complete and the reviews are positive.

The problem of the middle-of-the-hall restrooms was fixed. The restrooms are now situated in what would have been a student room.

In place of the former restroom are student study benches and tables. The hallways have been repainted and new lighting has been put in.

Air conditioning has been installed in Parenzo and Bates Halls. The project did not live up to expectations of those who use the buildings, as the original plans called for a system that resembled central air.

"I had two classes in Bates today and I have to say that it is improvement over last semester," said Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance of the Student Government Association on Wednesday.

"I hope Parenzo starts working a little better before the cooler weather comes but once the heat hits us again come the spring semester, it's going to be a much needed relief compared to the fans they used previously," he added.

(top) The area blocked off for the construction of the new science annex. The fencing has caused the deforestation of the area. (bottom) An architectural drawing depicting the finished product; the tangible representation of which will not be ready until fall 2016.

Dobelle lawsuits continue after IG report places all blame on former WSU president

From news reports

The inspector general released its report on the spending habits of Dr. Evan S. Dobelle, former president of Westfield State University, who resigned in November 2013 due to the debacle.

The 77-page report includes graphs, charts, and appendices that offer proof of the frivolous and extravagant spending Dobelle undertook during his tenure. It does not include, however, any interviews from Dobelle, as he refused to be interviewed under oath.

All of the trips that were cited in the hours-long trustee meetings and news reports were mentioned—Thailand/Asia, San Francisco, London—and the credit card expenses were basically itemized.

The report also accuses Dobelle of recklessly spending the money of the Westfield State Foundation, which is a non-profit, 501c3 foundation attached to the school, leaving it close to financial ruin.

"Dobelle used Foundation funds without authorization," said the report.

"For instance, in 2013, Dobelle commissioned a portrait of himself to be unveiled for WSU's 175th anniversary. Dobelle sent the bill for the portrait and the frame to the Foundation without seeking prior approval," it claimed further.

The status of the portrait remains unknown.

The report made twelve findings in total:

- "Dobelle knowingly and willfully violated University and Foundation policies by using of University and Foundation credit cards for personal expenses"

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campus news & life

A welcome message from the interim president of Westfield State University, Dr. Elizabeth Hall Preston

Welcome!

As we begin this new academic year, we are reminded that we are part of a long tradition that stretches back to a very different time in our country's history.

On September 3rd exactly one hundred and seventy-five years ago, Massachusetts Governor Edward Everett was on hand for our very first opening day. Twelve women and eight men made up the first class of students at the Barre Normal School, the first public, co-educational normal school for the preparation of teachers in the United States. Five years later, on September 4, 1844, the school reopened in Westfield as the State Normal School at Westfield.

At that time, public normal schools were considered a pioneering experiment, grounded in education reformer Horace Mann's conviction that "Education... beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men—the balance-wheel of the social machinery." For the first 130 years of our history, our mission was limited to the education of teachers. It wasn't until the late 1960s that we graduated our first students with other degrees, and the pace of change has accelerated ever since.

This month, we will break ground on our new science center, the first new academic building on our campus in forty years—and a very different learning environment from the classrooms in the Barre town hall where students sat 175 years ago. Governor Deval Patrick will join us for the formal groundbreaking ceremony at 2:00 pm on September 18th, and we hope you will as well. The new three story, 54,000 square foot building is scheduled to open in September 2016 and will house state-of-the-art science laboratories, a suite of simulation labs for our nursing and health science programs, and a technology-rich, interactive classroom that will serve multiple functions, including functioning as a trading floor for courses in finance. Once the new laboratories are operational, much of Wilson Hall will be renovated, providing the departments housed in Wilson with new academic office suites and classrooms.

Back in 1839, Horace Mann could not have envisioned that the Barre Normal School would evolve into a public university with thriving STEM and Nursing programs. But while the scope and complexity of our programming and facilities have expanded far beyond what he could have imagined in the early nineteenth century, Mann's core values continue to define the university's mission, vision and values.

Mann was a champion for public education, but he also believed that the measure of an educated woman or man was their service to their community – how they used the information acquired through their studies to benefit others. Since our first opening day 175 years ago, it has been Westfield State's mission to help our students become informed, empathetic and active citizens – socially and environmentally responsible citizens who give back to the community as interns, volunteers, voters, and members of the workforce.

Westfield State University has a long and rich history of civic learning and community engagement. For the last two years we have reinvigorated our efforts under the umbrella of our Westfield Engages (We.) campaign, thanks in part to a performance incentive grant from the state. Already, over one-third of our academic departments have joined the effort by adding or revising courses to include reciprocal relationships with community partners. Last spring, students in designated civic engagement courses worked with grassroots organizations in Holyoke, partnered with environmental groups including the Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service, participation in voter registration drives, built a classroom in Nicaragua, and volunteered in community health clinic in Guatemala. Outside of the classroom, Westfield State students volunteered in community organizations and raised over $60,000 for charitable causes, including cancer treatment and research and suicide prevention.

Raising the visibility of the Westfield Engages campaign and expanding our curricular and co-curricular civic engagement programming are among our top priorities in the year ahead. So I will conclude by asking that you consider something else that Mann asked of us when he set this revolutionary experiment in motion: "Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen." I urge you – in all things – not to wait and see what will happen, but to have the determination to make the right things happen.

Here's to a great year ahead!

news from other schools

daily collegian

Univ. of Mass. Amherst

The incoming president and vice president of the Student Government Association spent the summer working on awareness programs related to students' rights, streamlining the budget for the Registered Student Organizations and diversifying the Career Center.

daily orange

Syracuse University

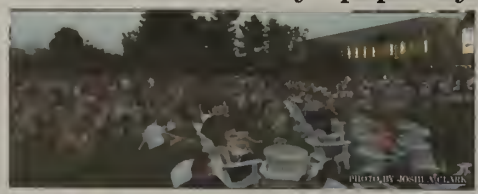
Syracuse University Library recently received a grant for $15,000 to benefit their Sound Bent program, which is a daily public radio. It plays historic recordings from the library's archives. The grant was given by The Jon Ben Snow Memorial Trust and will help enhance the program

harvard crimson

Harvard College

Owen A. Labrie, originally expected to be a member of Harvard's class of 2018, will not be attending the school this Fall. The student was arrested over the summer after alleged sexual assault on a 15 year-old girl from Concord NH. The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned September 15th and has been removed from the school's roster

the scene at tuesday's pep rally



(top) The crowd on the campus green for the Pep Rally on Tuesday. (bottom) SGA president Rebecca DiVico and executive members of the Student Athletic Advisory Council light the bonfire that occurred after the Pep Rally. The fire lasted a couple of hours.

news from clubs and orgs

acaowlettes

Come audition for Westfield State's all-female a cappella group: the acaOWLETTES! Auditions will be held Monday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 10th from 7 to 9 PM in Bates Hall, room 227. See you there, it's going to be aca-awesome!

night owls

Love to sing? Love to beatbox? Come audition to become a part of WSU's Night Owls A Cappella group! Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 9th at 5 PM and Thursday, September 11th at 5:15 PM in Bates Hall, room 125. We are a coed student-run 6-part A Cappella group that performs on and off campus. Please come to auditions by preparing one non-classical genre solo piece lasting about 45 seconds. Please come ready with your solo piece, your voice, and your personality! Questions? Be sure to check out (and like) our Facebook page at "WSU Night Owls" for more information!

Westfield State teachers-in-training travel to Costa Rica, teaching others and learning about themselves

From news release

Seventeen Westfield State University students and two faculty members traveled to Costa Rica as part of the short term study abroad course "A Costa Rican Intercultural and Tropical Ecology Experience for Educators."

The course centered around providing early childhood, elementary, and special needs teaching candidates with the opportunity to better understand differences between teaching and learning within the context of and through engagement with another culture. Costa Rica is widely known for its abundance of different species; this particular Westfield State course encourages students to develop their own understanding of natural science including biodiversity, tropical habitats, and ecology. The course was led by Professor of Education Trudy Knowles, and Assistant Professor of Education Wilma Ortiz. The group traveled around Costa Rica including stops in La Fortuna, Monteverde, the Arenal Volcano, Manuel Antonio, and Rancho Margot. Ortiz said the students learned to appreciate things they took for granted while visiting ecological sites, especially ones deep in the rainforest away from civilization.

"Poco Sol Field Station was eye opening for the students because there was no hot water, no TV or internet/phone access," Ortiz said. "We were literally disconnected from the outside world, for two nights and three days."

Student Samantha Morin '14 of Easthampton said at first the trip to Poco Sol Field was uncomfortable, but the group quickly adjusted and became transfixed with the rainforest.

"The last day at Poco Sol, I don't think any of us wanted to leave," Morin said. "Where we used to fear going into the rainforest, we now looked forward to it. We all became, in my eyes, wild, and completely enamored with nature."

Despite traveling to a Spanish-speaking country, the course did not require students to take any prerequisite Spanish classes. Morin said she was drawn to the course because of the diversity aspect.

"I liked the idea of teaching in a different country," Morin said. "I just wanted to experience a new culture, try new things, and be completely out of my comfort zone."

In addition to ecological site visits, students visited local schools to teach lessons to non-English speaking students. Prior to traveling, Westfield State students laid out lesson plans to teach public school children in Costa Rica. However, when they arrived, most of the public schools were closed because of a strike. Instead, the students visited with different schools than they had originally anticipated and adapted their lesson plans to fit the needs of the new schools. Ortiz said the last minute rearranging of the lesson plans was a useful workshop for future teachers.

"This impromptu changed of plans was an incredible experience everyone got to appreciate after all, because future teachers need to be flexible, and ready to 'hit the road running,'" Ortiz said.

"Students were excited and nervous at the same time. They worked collaboratively and diligently." The course aimed to break down language barriers, a task Morin said resonated with her.

"I highly suggest to any teacher or future teacher to try it," Morin said. "You will really understand what it's like to be a language learner and confused, when you might have thought you knew everything. This course really made you feel what it is like for those students – confusing, inspiring, sometimes frustrating."

In addition to the goals laid out by the course description, Ortiz said the students came to some important realizations.

"They learned how to care for each other; they got to know each other better and support each other more," Ortiz said. "Also, the trip forced students to step outside of the comfort zone, and this was paramount."

crime log

On August 31, 2014, two instances of larceny occurred in Scanlon Hall. One case occurred from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the other occurring from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cases are open.

On September 1, 2014 at 7:48 p.m., a drug law violation occurred in Scanlon Hall.

A citation was issued.

Three liquor law violations occurred on September 2, 2014.

The first occurred at midnight in Scanlon Hall. The second occurred at 1:03 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The third occurred at 1:17 a.m. at University Hall.

All were referred to Student Conduct.

Persona Literary Journal

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Persona, the Literary Arts Journal of Westfield State University, will be accepting submissions throughout the summer of 2014!

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With your submission, please include your name and graduation year.

For further questions or opportunities to join Persona's editorial board, please contact Tessa Newell at:

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DOBELLE - *from page one*

- "Throughout his tenure, Dobelle repeatedly submitted documents falsely portraying personal spending as having a WSU-related purpose, thereby diverting costs to WSU and the Foundation"
- "Dobelle repeatedly made false or misleading verbal and written statements to WSU's Board of Trustees in order to hide his improper actions or to justify wasteful spending"
- "Dobelle received a significant financial benefit and unwarranted privileges from his use of University and Foundation credit cards for personal expenses and from having the University underwrite his travel"
- "Dobelle engaged in improper and irresponsible conduct"
- "Dobelle's decision to undertake a 10-person trip to Asia and his management of the Speaker Series financially damaged the Foundation and ultimately the University while providing little measurable benefit to WSU"
- "Dobelle engaged in similar spending practices – frequent travel to San Francisco and portraying personal expenses and social meetings as having a business purpose – at his prior positions at the New England Board of Higher Education and the University of Hawaii"
- "Dobelle routinely violated University policy on business meals"
- "Dobelle was imprudent with University money, resulting in the waste of significant amounts of public funds"
- "Dobelle used Foundation funds without authorization"
- "Dobelle used University personnel and resources for personal uses"
- "Using University funds, Dobelle purchased electronic equipment that apparently was for personal use and has not been returned to WSU"

Even after all of the revelations of Dobelle's spending, the lawsuits that he launched in federal and state courts still continue.

The lawsuits, which were filed in November and December, name specific trustees, the university, and several other entities as defendants. The commissioner of higher education, Richard Freeland, was also sued.

They stemmed from Dobelle's belief that he was wrongfully placed on administrative leave because it was a violation of his contract.

There are several important court hearings in September in reference to the lawsuits, but the waters are made more complicated with attorney general Martha Coakley's August lawsuit against Dobelle.

Formally accusing Dobelle for committing all of the acts that the IG report alleges, the lawsuit is sure to tie up the initial lawsuits.

If Coakley becomes Massachusetts' next governor, a different attorney general will handle her lawsuit. The Dobelle issue has not been a hot button debate amongst the AG candidates.

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WSU students explore cultural mosaic of Istanbul and London

PHOTO COURTESY OF MOLLY WATSON

From News Release

Six Westfield State University students traveled with students from five other colleges to Istanbul, Turkey, and London, England earlier this summer as part of the short-term study abroad course "Making History: Memory, Monuments, Museums, and Multiculturalism" led by Dr. Mara Dodge, professor of history.

Dodge created the course with Professor Valerie Haskins, an archeologist from SUNY Adirondack, with the goal of exposing students to the cultural diversity of two very different European countries.

"We wanted to expand students' cultural horizons by introducing them to a multicultural 'Europe' broadly defined," Dodge said. "Both London and Istanbul are beautiful, vibrant cities; both are incredibly rich in history and rich in cultural diversity."

Student Victoria Landry '15 of Milford said she was drawn to the course because of the travel to Istanbul, a city not often included in these types of courses.

"I have always seen the short-term courses and have been waiting for the perfect one to go on," Landry said. "After taking some classes on foreign policy, I have become more interested in Middle Eastern politics and Islam, so I knew that combining London and Istanbul would be a great course to take."

In London, the group traveled to notable historic sites including the Tower of London, Parliament, WWII Cabinet War Rooms, and Stonehenge. Dodge expected that students would steer clear of museums during their leisure time, but was pleasantly surprised.

"I was thrilled that so many students went back to visit museums, especially the British Museum, on their 'free day' in London," Dodge said.

Visiting Turkey, the group toured Istanbul, including stops at the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, Galata Tower, Museum of Islamic Art, and Rumeli Fortress.

Students were happy to discover how hospitable the locals were in Istanbul.

"I was very surprised at how many people spoke English in Istanbul and how easy it was to get around," said Westfield State history major Chelsea Rivera of Chicopee. "Mostly everyone we met was friendly and willing to help us out."

In an unplanned walk through the campus and green of Istanbul University, Landry said she was reminded of her own school despite being thousands of miles away.

"It seemed as if their classes or finals had just finished and there were so many students sitting outside and playing volleyball or soccer - it reminded me of the campus green at home at Westfield," Landry said.Professor Dodge said that most students enjoyed exploring the cultural aspects of Islam."Overall, students said that it was a unique cultural experience to visit so many mosques and learn about Islam firsthand," Dodge said. "The mosques were also extraordinarily beautiful – decorated with exquisite tiles, stained glass, and artwork."

While students enjoyed learning about the different cultures while abroad, the course inspired some students to continue exploring them.

"I was inspired by the peacefulness of Islam and the interesting mix of Asian and European culture in the center of Istanbul," Landry said. "This course inspired me to learn more and I will hopefully be taking an Intro to Islamic Studies course this fall."

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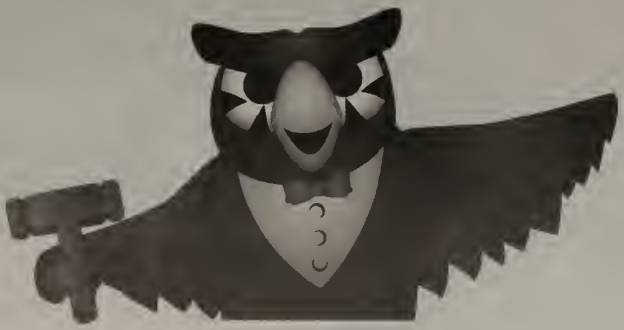

Student Government Association

Election materials and signature papers will be available starting **Friday, September 5, 2014** at 9 AM in the SGA room, located on the garden level of Ely (017) next to Dunkin Donuts

Signature papers are due to the SGA room by **Monday, September 15, 2014.**

Elections will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 and Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 on MyWestfield.

If you have any questions about elections, positions or signature papers, please email ExecSec.SGA@westfield.ma.edu.

from the voice vault

This article was published in the September 10, 1969 issue of The Owl.

Science Building Bids Due

Plans for the new Science Building to be built for Westfield State College will go out to bid at the end of this month and it is hopeful that construction of the $5,400,000 building will begin in late October. The building will be located adjacent to Bates Hall, approximately where the parking lot is now.

A significant addition to the campus, the Science Building, will serve a multi-purpose function and will enable the college to expand its offerings in graduate and undergraduate psychology and the physical and biological sciences.

The first floor of the four-story building will be basically for psychology instruction. It will contain department offices, a counseling center, experimental laboratories, and classrooms. It will also contain a computer center, an electron microscope, and the lecture level of a large lecture hall.

The second floor will provide for the biological sciences, including botany, microbiology, genetics and anatomy. There will be classrooms, laboratories, and a museum taxonomy lab. This floor will also contain the second level of the lecture hall. On the third floor will be the physical sciences including geology, physics, astronomy, physical science and earth science. There will be offices, work rooms and a chemistry laboratory.

The fourth floor will be for mathematics. There will be some eleven classrooms, a laboratory and numerous offices. Stairs lead to an observation deck on the roof.

A walk-under path will go through the Science Building from one side to the other.

An architect's drawing of the structure is on display in Parenzo Lobby.

These photos were published in the September 13, 1968 issue of Westek.

Currently under construction is the multi-million dollar training school. Shown in the picture above in the entrance to the school which fronts Western Avenue.

This article was published in the November 2, 1966 issue of Westek.

Dr. Savignano Appoints New Director of Continuing Studies

The appointment of Dr. Winston B. Keck, as Director of the Program of Continuing Studies at Westfield State College, was announced today by Dr. Leonard J. Savignano. The appointment is effective immediately.

Dr. Keck, now superintendent of schools in Springfield, Vt., received his bachelor's degree from Bates College and his master's degree and doctorate—both in the field of education—from Boston University. He was a John Hay Fellow in the Humanities Program at Williams College and has taken graduate courses in the Advanced Administrative Institute at Harvard.

For the past five and one-half years, Dr. Keck, has served as head of the Springfield (Vt.) school system. While there he directed curriculum development programs, professional recruitment and selection programs, system-wide supervisory programs, in-service training programs, budget development and building programs. During his tenure, the community approved construction of a $3,700,000 comprehensive senior high school. As a result of his efforts, the Springfield schools last year received a Pacemaker Award for the humanities program developed at the senior high school. The award, sponsored by the National Education Association and Parade Magazine, is presented to one school system in each state "whose program of service is leading the way to better education for American youth."

Prior to accepting the superintendency in Springfield, Dr. Keck served as Assistant Superintendent in Schools in Plainview, Long Island; as curriculum coordinator and assistant superintendent in New Britain, Conn.; and as principal of various secondary schools in Massachusetts.

He has been Educational Placement Officer at Boston University and was also a teaching fellow and education instructor in that university's School of Education. He has taught at Simmons College, the University of Hartford, the University of Vermont and Castleton State College.

Dr. Savignano, commenting on Dr. Keck's appointment, said: "Westfield is fortunate to have obtained a man of Dr. Keck's caliber to head our ever-expanding Program of Continuing Studies. He brings to his position an extensive background in curriculum development, supervision and budget control. His experience at both the secondary and college level will be invaluable to us."

The new director is active in many professional organization. He is a past president of the Massachusetts School Committee Association, is a member of the executive committee of the New England Development Council, of the New England Superintendent's Association, and the National Education Association. He has also been active in the American Association of School Administrators, American Educational Research Society, Association for Supervision and Curriculm Development, and the Vermont Education Association.

Dr. Keck plans on moving to Westfield with his wife and daughter in November.

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opinions & editorials

HAMPDEN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY RACE

Westfield State alum Shawn P. Allyn '93 is the right choice for Hampden County District Attorney

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE WESTFIELD VOICE

In the race to become the next district attorney of Hampden County, there are four candidates. There is no candidate that we can support other than Shawn Allyn.

The biographical blurb on the bottom of his press releases bill him as "a product of Hampden County" and that cannot be more true.

Allyn, a native of Holyoke, Mass., is an alum of Holyoke Community College, Westfield State College, and Western New England College School of Law.

The race to replace Mark Mastroianni, who became a federal judge during the summer, started in April.

Allyn announced his candidacy from the steps of the Hampden County Hall of Justice and then hit the ground running.

No one has covered more ground in this campaign than him.

Reaching the hill towns past Westfield or reaching the footsteps of Worcester County in Monson and Palmer, he has made the contact with the voters that has become necessary in this day of social media and 24-hour campaigning.

His sympathy for those who are underprivileged or disempowered is of particular importance to us.

He plans to fine those convicted of animal abuse to the highest amount his office could levy. There are also community service hours and classes that would be required.

For those who are convicted of minor, non-violent drug offenses, Allyn plans to use treatment rather than incarceration.

A person convicted of such a crime does so with the intent to 'get their fix.' Putting them in jail does not cure the problem of their addiction, but treatment does.

And at a reduced cost to the taxpayer, which is of utmost importance to him.

Allyn was the lawyer who helped Melvin Brown, the Springfield man who was attacked by a police officer with a flashlight. His handling of the case has been a rallying cry for that kind of prosecution from the District Attorney's office.

We agree with other candidates in the race that experience matters. But it's about the right kind of experience. Five years as a social worker and fifteen years as a trial lawyer makes any lawyer well-rounded and experienced enough to handle the tough cases of Hampden County.

FILE PHOTO

Attorney Shawn P. Allyn '93

It would be our hope that Shawn Allyn, "a product of Hampden County" and Westfield State alum becomes our next Hampden County District Attorney come next Tuesday.

Treasurer Steve Grossman is our choice for governor

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Martha Coakley just doesn't cut it.

It is the opinion of our editorial board that Steve Grossman is the rightful choice for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Although Coakley leads in the polls, it is necessary to point out that name recognition is key. Grossman is a personable and knowledgeable candidate who has the knowledge and experience necessary to lead the Commonwealth into the future.

Focusing on his plans for education, Grossman expresses a commitment to not just the STEM curriculum, but also the humanities. "While Steve understands the focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) driven curricula, he believes we also need to emphasize the role of the arts and humanities in empowering young people and teaching them the creative problem-solving skills they need to thrive in today's innovative economy," says the campaign platform on his website.

Also necessary is a focus on veterans. Continuing with a "veteran renaissance" on this campus—starting with Will Lafever in the Veterans Office and the creation of the Veterans Association last year—Grossman has promised to elevate the secretary of veteran affairs to cabinet level and provide funding to veteran-owned businesses.

It is disagreeable to this board that Massachusetts provides adequate services for veterans, and there can always be improvements. Grossman has promised a commitment of resources to this endeavor.

Considering Coakley's performance in the senatorial election against Scott Brown and her impersonal appearances, Grossman is the person that we need moving forward.

State senator Don Humason deserves two more years

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE WESTFIELD VOICE

If you've lived in Westfield or been around the area at all in the last ten-plus years, you know Don Humason.

Humason has been in the General Court in some fashion since the days of Michael Knapik, now the university's executive director of advancement, being in the House of Representatives.

The knowledge and experience that he has gained since those pivotal beginnings has worked in Westfield's favor.

To be a Republican in an overwhelmingly Democratic General Court is not a very easy thing to do. Sometimes he loses, sometimes he wins, but his commitment to Westfield and now Holyoke, Chicopee, Southwick, and the surrounding areas has not gone unnoticed.

To begin, communication has been paramount to Humason's time in office. He is highly communicative to his constituents through his Facebook profile.

For instance, after receiving complaints that the flags in Westfield and Boston were not flying at half-staff for Col. Morris Fontenot, Jr., Humason told his Facebook followers that he was in communication with the Governor's office and Mayor Dan Knapik on the issue.

He has weighed in every newsworthy incident that has fallen on his district, much to rave reviews.

His persistence and solid beliefs are what we are interested in. Being one of the few Republicans on Beacon Hill has earned him a negative stigma out of the district and has made things hard for him legislatively but he does not concern himself with changing his views to earn votes or pretending to be something that he is not.

editorial

New publisher, new look (kind of)

On behalf of the editorial and writing staff of The Westfield Voice, welcome to Westfield State University's 175th academic year.

The 2014/2015 academic year brings hope and promise to a university founded by Horace Mann in 1838.

It is always encouraging at the start of a new year to see all of the excitement and jubilation in the student body. We are most certainly gearing up for what should he an active year.

To begin the year, we would like to update the campus on the status of this newspaper.

The most obvious change this year is the physical size of the newspaper. Thanks to the state contract bidding process and the university procurement department. we have switched to Trumbull Printing out of Vermont.

This means that the $16,000 line item provided to us by the Student Government Association and paid for by your Student Activities Fee, will he more wisely spent.

The change in the physical size of this newspaper is directly related to the change in publisher, but rest assured that the content and aesthetic look of the paper will not change.

We will still provide objective reporting on the news and information that you have come to enjoy year after year.

Consider this a recommitment of our responsibility to you, the reader.

Other changes include new editorial staff promotions.

Thanks to election of Editor-in-Chief Joshua Clark to the position of vice president of student life in the Student Government, Andrew Burke, who previously served as assistant managing editor and interim sports editor, has been promoted to co-editor.

Clark and Burke will serve together in this role. The editorial staff is encouraged by this decision.

We are also pleased to welcome Caroline Chizek and Andrew Morin in their roles as co-editors of our Arts and Entertainment section.

They moved from assistant-level positions in other areas of our newspaper to take on the task of reviving that section of the newspaper, which in recent years, has needed a hoost.

In closing, we are very much looking forward to this new year and hope that you are too.

The new construction of the Science Annex and the presidential search will he items of interest in this newspaper, but the campus as a whole is our responsibility.

As written on our spring 2014 shirts, "If it happens on campus, you'll read about it in The Westfield Voice."

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from the editor's desk

The 2013-14 year for the Westfield Voice was as much of an educational process as it was a weekly joh. Each successful edition led to new ideas and brought new faces.

We were ahle to print 200-plus more pages and print two more issues than the previous year. The credit goes to all of those who submitted written contributions as well as those who made the time commitment for the essential behind-the-scenes work.

We had experience to help the newer members get up to speed with all that a position in the Voice entails. We had five freshmen with editor positions giving us a leg to stand on coming into the new school year and we hope to find more as the semester continues.

Our staff has thought of some unique and campus relevant ideas that have helped to give the paper and campua a sense of unity. Last year's "10 Most Influential Students on Campus" shined a spotlight on those that move this campus forward and aid in creating an attractive learning environment.

This year, we are working on a hrand new project in our semesterly magazine "Port Folio." The magazine will focus on campus politics, influential students, important faculty members, and everyday campus life. The Orientation Guide in this week's issue is also a new project and it highlights everything that anyone coming to this university would need to know.

Matt Carlin will he taking the reigns for the magazine, being named the Editor-in-Chief and those who also hold editorial positions for the weekly paper will fill the other essential editorial staff.

Joshua Clark, Emily Hanshaw, and Matt Carlin are continuing in their positions from last year at editor-in-chief, managing editor, and assistant managing editor, respectively. Nick Sarnelli is continuing as head copy editor. Lewis Pacheco and Lyndon Seitz have graduated from their Arts & Entertainment editorial positions and two new A&E editors have stepped into their place. Andrew Morin and Caroline Chizek have taken over for the two now-alumni. Gina Muller will also continue as the layout editor and Race Rugh will continue as the op-ed editor.

I have been lucky enough to move from the sports editor position into the co-editor-in-chief role. I have an optimistic view for this upcoming year and hope that I can build off of what Josh has done in the past, work together this year, and continue to advance the paper in the future. It should not be a difficult task if the staff we have now continues to work as hard as they have. When the entire office is on the same page, it makes for a paper that we can be proud of.

The interest meeting for incoming freshmen and any other students who would like to join the Westfield Voice is Friday, September 5, at 7 p.m. and we are always looking for people to write or help edit. I am truly looking forward to starting this year and I am eager to see what amazing things we will do in 2014-15.

Andrew Burke is a sophomore Communication major and editor-in-chief and interim sports editor of The Westfield Voice.

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ORIENTATION GUIDE 2014

meet the student government executive council

Editor's Note: The executive council of the Student Government Association were given a set of questions to answer about themselves and their service to the Senate. The questions were: 1) Name; 2) Position; 3) Email address; 4) Office hours; 5) Length of time on the SGA; 6) What are your overall goals for the year?; 7) Why did you run?; 8) What got you involved in the Student Government Association? The Senate meets each Tuesday of the academic semester at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazzo Student Government Room by the Dunkin' Donuts in the Ely Campus Center.

Rebecca DiVico, President of SGA

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4) I don't have [office hours] currently but they will be posted on our Facebook pege as soon as we have them all!

5) I've been on SGA since my freshman year. As a first-year, I served as a representetive-at-large. As a sophomore, I was the vice president of academic life and my junior year I served as vice president of student life.

6) I want to focus on building a strong relationship within our Senate because I think that once our members are excited about being a part of SGA they will want to tell their friends and constituents about what they are a part of and word of mouth is so important. I also want to continue to educate our members on their positions and the responsibilities that come along with their seat on Senate.

7) I ran for President because the past three years have teught me that besides my academics, I do everything on this campus to ensure that the students that go here are having a great experience and are represented. I love this organization and I love this school and any way that I can help, I will.

8) I did student government all throughout high school. I was actually my class president. I had decided that going into college, I was going to take a break and focus solely on my academics. After first-year elections happened, the president of SGA at the time (Lou Cimeglia) sent out an email about open positions and I took it as a sign that I needed to get involved. It was my 'second chance' if you will and I am so glad I took it.

Joshua Clark, Vice President of Student Life

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4) My office hours are Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

5) This is my third year as e part of Student Government. During my sophomore year, In the second semester, I joined as a Rep. to Senate from Courtney Hall. Last year, I represented you as a representative-at-large.

6) My two goals for the year are open communication and accountabilty. I began achieving these goals by creating a Twitter acount specifically for the vice president of student life (@VP_StudentLife) and by making sure thet I hold myself and others to e standard of accountability.

7) I wanted to represent the students in all aspects of the Westfield State community that heppen outside of the classroom. Students spend most of their time on campus involved in some way with Student Life activities or organizations, so it is important that they have an advocate in the SGA.

8) I knew that I wanted to be a part of the Student Government because it is important that students are et the tabla during all decisions that are made on this campus.

Olivia Dumas, Vice President of Academic Life

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4) Monday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

5) This will be my fourth year of Student Government, starting in the very first election in my first year here.

6) My three goals are to make information about classes and registration more accessible by utilizing clubs and orgenizetions on campus, to work on the civic engagement component of classes, and to build up the ICE program on campus and do more disebility awareness activities.

7) I ran to be able to make a bigger impact on the overall community of Westfield and be in the know and in the decision making process of important decisions that affect students. I also want to see the overall level of stress caused by registration go down in many students.

8) I knew I wanted to be involved and Student Government seemed like the clear choice. I love being a part of SGA and I am so glad that I got involved when I did. I now know that my 18-year-old self did something right!

Matthew Carlin, Vice President of Finance

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4) To be announced.

5) This is my second year on Student Government.

6) My goals for tnis year are quite simple. I want to continue to support the diverse and active organizations on campus and to help students in any way possible to attend conferences and academic events anywhere and everywhere.

7) The reason why I ran? Simply to maintain the consistent improvement to the campus life and activities of WSU through clubs end proper financing of student activities.

8) I wanted to be a part of an organization made up of students helping students.

Shannon Cullinane, Vice President of Programming

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4) To be announced.

5) This will be my third year involved in the SGA.

6) My overall goal this year is to increase student involvement. CAB is changing the way we run our general board meetings to give the "CABbies" a stronger vote.

7) i ran for vice president of programming because I love CAB. Planning events is something i am passionate about so I was immediately intrigued with CAB. By the end of my first year, I knew I wanted to become president one day.

8) I got into SGA through Hall Council. I saw the position SGA Rep and was very curious before I officially I made up my mind up, I went to a meeting to oheck out what it was about. I definitely sparked an interest from that first meeting. I loved how the students could have a voice on campus and actuelly be heard. I knew that SGA would be the way I would truly get involved on campus and make a difference.

Evelyn Dina, Legislative Secretary

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4) To be announced.

5) I served on SGA the spring semester of my freshman year (2013), and returned in the fall during my sophomore year once again

as my SGA representative to Hall Council. In the spring of my sophomore year, I left SGA to attend the Disney College Program!

6) My goals for the year include getting students who do not take part in SGA to attend our meetings so they can ask questions and/or make suggestions. I also would love to encourage senators to heve fun with and earn more units than required.

7) I ran for SGA's executive council because I love being a student leader. I started off small, being Davis Hall's SGA representative, and really enjoyed it. When I served on the executive board of Campus Activities es the Advertisement Coordinator I had a lot of fun, however, I continuously looked forward for the weekly SGA meetings. Even during the Disney College Program I found myself reading the weekly minutes, and realized that SGA was something I wanted to continue to be a part of.

8) Freshman year, Davis Hall's president Justin Connolly persueded me to join his council as an SGA representative. I figured "why not get involved," and I quickly grew to enjoy student government and realized the influence I had as a senator on campus and the change I could make happen.

Andrew Morin, Executive Secretary

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4) Wednesday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Thursday 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

5) Since the fall of 2013.

6) My goals are to creete clear and concise minutes for every SGA meeting in a timely manner, have a voter turnout of et least 14% and bring back "Owl Ball" or "Senate Banquet," but under a new name.

7) I actually interviewed for my position after being elected as a representative to SGA for the class of 2017. I chose to interview for this position because it was open, I wanted to become more involved and I felt like I was cut out for the workload.

8) In high school, I was big into student council and class office so I chose to run for hall council as e freshman.

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Steven Mailloux, Residence Manager - Lansdowne Place
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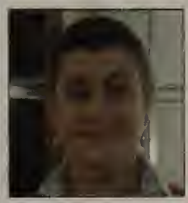

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places to eat

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Sat & Sun 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Pandini's
Everyday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.

The Perch
Sun - Thurs 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Fri & Sat 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Dunkin' Donuts in the Ely Campus Center
Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Quixote's in Wilson Commuter Cafe
Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Subway in the Ely Campus Center
Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sat 12 noon to 11 p.m.
Sun 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

what's happening at westfield?

Follow what happens by checking out the STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR!
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5 p.m. - Make Your Own... (Scanlon Banquet Hall)

7 p.m. - Football vs. Nichols (Alumni Field)

8 p.m. - Videoke (Scanlon Banquet Hall)

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1 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. WNE (Alumni Field)

9 p.m. - Comedian Eric Shea (Scanlon Banquet Hall)

8 p.m. - Videoke (Scanlon Banquet Hall)

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8 p.m. - Drive-in Movie: "Maleficent" (Campus Green)

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10 a.m. - C&S Wholesale Job Recruitment (Ely Campus Center)

4 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs. Williams College (Alumni Field)

4:30 p.m. - Welcome reception for LGBTQ and Ally students and faculty (Loughman Living Room)

7 p.m. - Women's Lacrosse Sign-up and Information Session (Woodward Center rm. 235)

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11:30 a.m. - Commuter Luncheon (Tekoa Room)

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4 p.m. - Club Fair (Ely Campus Center Garden Level)

5 p.m. - Welcome Back reception hosted by Sankofa (Loughman Living Room)

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

What You Do, Want, And Should Know

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

I would first like to echo the settlement from the rest of the editors and columnists when I say "Welcome Back!" and "We are going to have a great year!" Secondly I would like to again give a brief reminder to everyone both new and old in our readership:

This Column, for better or worse, will be written from the perspective of a "conservative" of which typically leaning socially liberal but fiscally conservative. I will for the most part lean towards the right, however, despite being an Op-Ed page, I will NEVER purposely mislead the public...My Section Editor makes sure I can't. Now back to the good stuff!

This summer break, we have experienced one of the biggest outcries of "civil rights" and "Police Brutality" at home with the Ferguson riots and the ignition of Israeli-Palestine hostilities (again...). While trying to remember that this is still an election year, I don't know what we are going to do!

Well first things first. I wont be talking about most of these issues, seeing as they are so far into the "mainstream media" that any sort of commentary I could provide would be 'mute against the already bias reports.

Now what I will talk about is something we ALL should remember. We are electing the Governor of this state from a list of candidates "never before seen". Well, that is what I HOPED to have said. Reluctantly I must inform you that the primaries are this upcoming Tuesday, September 9th.

Deval Patrick, who won his reelection in 2010, announced he would not run again this year. Patrick has been governor of Massachusetts since 2006 and seems ready to move on for future "plans". Whatever those plans are, I honestly hope they don't involve us again.

Now for the Republican primary for the gubernatorial primary we have Charlie Baker. Baker has been a gubernatorial candidate for the Republican Party for a numerous amount of occasions. Being described both by himself and others as a fiscal conservative and social liberal, he is seen as the best candidate to run against the numerous amounts of democratic candidates this November.

Republicans better know Baker as a "moderate" with a venture capitalist background. He has been involved in Massachusetts politics since the late 80's however holding office in 1991 as an Undersecretary of Health and Human Services. After serving the state in a few other administrative positions, Baker turned to the private sector in the Insurance Industry.

Now whom is Baker running against? Well, it would seem that the federal judge Mark Fisher went to seemed particularly considerate when they ruled that Fisher should be placed on the primary ballot after winning 14.785% of the party vote in early 2014.... A little short of the 15% that is required to be considered a candidate. Well, (OPINION ALERT) Fisher seems to be a typical Massachusetts "conservative".

He is almost right wing bat shit crazy! (Yes, I am a registered Republican, incase you were wondering). From just basic election theory to simple Political Science in Massachusetts... Right Wing "Tea Partiers" won't win anything in a Blue State, so why even bother, Fisher?

Now what are the fearless Democrats throwing in the ring this year? Well, the latest polls show the only two candidates available (realistically) is Martha Coakley (SC) (Oh trust me I will get to her in due time) and Steve Grossman.

In my honest opinion, I would rather have Steve Grossman (the current Treasurer of Massachusetts) over Coakley any day. Before you say anything, let me explain. Grossman has won the endorsement of his own party.

His plans for education far surpass the encroaching polices set up by Coakley during her tenure as Attorney General. While maintaining a heavy focus on the STEM curriculum, that is Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, Steve is a major advocator for the arts and humanities in public education.

His platform is based on teaching kids new and creative problem-solving skills that will prove invaluable in the future economy.

Now be warned, I may have a slightly already established bias against Coakley, however I want to state why I feel her the WORST choice for governor.

Her previous run for senator shows she is just another "career" politician, being unhappy in whatever "public service" job she finds herself in.

She proved to be impersonal during her campaign trail and has produced some of the most loophole-filled laws and regulations I have ever heard of. Quick examination's of Coakley's history shows that she may have a genuine care for the people of Massachusetts she so "devotedly serves". Though it might seem out of place to say, I will state that she has refused to investigate several fellow democrats accused of misconduct and legal violations involving elections (Who she herself has had a few) and continues to deny the allegations of misusing her campaign funds after the special election where she lost an upset battle with Former Senator Scott Brown.

So what do I want you to get out of this article? Simply, go out and vote. But not just that I want you to know your candidates before you cast that vote.

Don't look at their names and party affiliations, look up their records, history and previous jobs before you vote. If you do, you might be surprised what both the media, and the candidate has hidden from you.

Primary elections are on September 9th, 2014 while the formal election is on November 4th 2014. Expect more news to come as we continue down this election year.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

A Liberal Take On The Situation In Ferguson

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

This summer, many things have occurred concerning how we as Americans view the media.

For the first issue, I've decided to focus on a topic that is still occurring and what I believe will be extremely influential for our lifetime: the events occurring in Ferguson, Missouri.

As many of you may know, these events pertain to a white male officer, Darren Wilson, who shot an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, in the suburban area of Ferguson.

Brown, 18, was shot in the head twice, leading to his death. According to different media sources, another five to ten shots were fired, which hit Brown in the torso and the arms. Wilson claims that he shot the unarmed teen because he felt "threatened".

One of the fatal wounds to Michael Brown went downward from the top of the head, according to the autopsy. At 6'4", it would make sense that Brown was on his knees. Witnesses said that Brown had his hands raised when he was shot once more—this is known as a "double tap" (which is illegal in war). For whatever reason, Wilson decided he needed to shoot Brown several times after that.

Some may argue that since we are in 2014 this case is not racially charged, but rather another example of brutality and perhaps abused police power. I disagree with this opinion.

We are fortunate to live in the Northeast corner of the United States, where sexism and racism, yes, exist, but are not quite as strongly felt compared to the South and Midwest.

In Ferguson, 60% of residents are black and 30% are white. The police force has only three black members compared to 50 who are white, which represents the demographics of the city unfairly.

Some witnesses claim that Brown had instigated contact with Wilson. I do not believe that this agitation, if it occurred, was handled appropriately.

There have been many similar cases in the last decade in which a white offender who was armed, wounded, and had even killed other citizens, then surrendered to police and was calmly arrested and put into a cop car. Brown was stopped for walking in the street.

Many people are aware of Brown and a friend stealing a box of cigar wrappers prior to the incident. But according to the Ferguson police, Wilson was unaware of the description of the suspect and in fact did not stop Brown for this before his death, but rather obstruction of traffic.

I believe the media leaked this information to the public to justify the death of Brown because he was a criminal. I do not believe his death was in anyway deserved for a box of cigars, which was not even known prior to the event.

Since Brown's death, riots have begun in Ferguson, putting the city in a state of emergency, with the installation of a 9 p.m. curfew. Police brutality has been reported and has increased since the initial event.

Some protestors hold signs that say: "Civil rights do not end after curfew", and "we still need answers for Michael Brown", and "black lives matter". Many peaceful protestors have been tear-gassed and pepper-sprayed. Hedy Epstein (90) a holocaust survivor, was one of the many arrested.

It was reported that some looting has occurred in the chaos. Of course, as with every scenario, there will be those who take advantage of it.

However, it is scarcely talked about through media but documented on Twitter as well as videos that have gone viral, that some of the places looted, such as a McDonald's, were broken into to get milk to ease the pain of tear gas victims and to prevent blindness.

Media has also been restricted since these events. More than 13 journalists have been detained.

Wilson has received over $400,000 in a gofundme fundraiser to support his case. It is rumored that this has been shut down and benefactors may have been swindled, sources report.

Attorney Benjamin Crump, who previously represented Trayvon Martin, another teenager who was fatally shot in Florida, will be representing Brown's family for the case.

I encourage everyone to look more deeply at the accounts from Ferguson and to also advocate for better police education and skills, both when training and on task.

arts & entertainment

MTG Fall Auditions: 9 to 5

Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

Westfield State University's Musical Theater Guild (MTG) will be holding auditions for their fall musical, 9 to 5, from September 3rd through September 5th.

The audition will be at 5 p.m. each evening and will be held in Bates Hall. room 227.

9 to 5 is a hilarious comedy set in the 1970's about three women who, fed up with their mistreatment in the workplace, plot to overthrow their misogynistic boss.

This show is a high-energy show that is both heartfelt and thought provoking.This is an entirely student-run production with performance as well as crew opportunities. For more information, please contact Beth Teague at bteague8678@westfield.ma.edu or Allison O'Neil at aoneil8774@westfield.ma.edu.

From left: Andrew Morin (Executive Assistant); Beth Teague (Vice President); Tessa Newell (President); Chelsea Orifice (Secretary); Allison O'Neil (Historian); Hannah Clifford (Fundraising Coordinator); Ryan Pound (Treasurer).

Meet the New MTG Executive Board

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A LOOK INTO CARLIN'S MIND

The Netflix Coup and the effects of "Bingeing"

Matthew Carlin
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Well everyone, I am sad to say this may be the last time you ever see this column in the Voice. Over the past year, you may have seen a wide variety of "Carlin Features" that are my numerous columns within this finely established publication.

However, in order to produce more refined articles, I will be focusing on my columns singularly, rather than writing them all at once. Now, this doesn't mean I won't be writing my columns anymore, it is just that only one or two will be in the Voice per week.

So, what shall this article be dedicated too? Well, if everyone can take a moment and reflect upon the latest Emmys, I would like to talk about the unexpected events that took place.

Netflix, a web service that allows subscribers to stream varieties of TV shows and movies at any time, has not only produced their own series, but also got 31 nominations and won seven of them. Though it should be mentioned that all of them were won during the Creative Arts Ceremony, not broadcasted by NBC, it has at least made a ripple in the Entertainment industry.

Those won were Outstanding Casting for a comedy series and Outstanding Guest Actress, to name a few. However, despite the hype for the "Netflix Sweep", I believe the web "network" has proven a valid point: Network Television needs to step up its game.

This year marks the second year a non-network television source has won an Emmy, which is not surprising with shows like the BBC House of Cards spin off and the hit comedy series, Orange is the New Black – both of which appear to the ever-growing "Binge" watching audience that has been targeted by new series.

Binge watching is (as many college students know) spending hours watching a series in a single sitting. The show House of Cards was the first series to release their entire second season all on the same day. This was obviously the goal of the web show's producers at Netflix, since they grew aware of binge watching.

I personally have been the victim of this epidemic, having sat through HOC season 2 and even Orange is the New Black all in a single sitting. Mind you, those are just the Netflix originals I watched. I have also sat through some other shows brought over from network TV.

What is the purpose, though, of binge watching? For me? I rarely realized I was actively hinge watching until the cliff-hanging season finale, where I am just screaming "NO!" over and over again at my screen, as if it will produce a whole new season for me.

However, Netflix hasn't just proven to be a source for good series entertainment, though it has every right to claim that.

They also have allowed society to relive and enjoy relics of "entertainment ages past". Recently, I have noticed my girlfriend's father watching all of the old episodes of Star Trek – and by the way, there are very few episodes on Netflix. I also have rewatched other series' first seasons, namely How I Met Your Mother and the comical American Dad.

Now, I should remind all of you that we are supposed to gain new knowledge while we are here at WSU, but that doesn't mean said knowledge can't be about the wheeling and dealing of Frank Underwood.

KNOWING TO COOK

Summer, Fishing, and Hemingway

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

I magine the following: you are sitting at the stern of a canoe, paddling lightly down a river. Pine trees tower above you and the fog begins to roll in from the mountains. The sun is getting low in the sky and you manage to find an eddy and proceed to make camp by the riverside. However, you have nothing substantial to eat. This fact does not bother you. You fetch your fly fishing rod and wade into the shallows, feeling the current of the river flow around your legs.

You cast out your reel and wait, patiently. Then suddenly you feel a small tug, then a heavier tug, and you know you've caught something.

You lead it for just a moment, then you reel in and bring up your catch: a brook trout. You now have dinner; the only thing left to do is cook it.

This summer I had the great pleasure (once again) of adventuring up to the North Woods of Maine, in an area known as the Moosehead Lake Region. Home to the majestic Moosehead Lake, the area is abundant with thick forests, small streams, mighty rivers, and a vast array of wildlife. The region is famous for moose sightings, so much so that the local catchphrase reads: "Where moose outnumber people 3 to 1."

Unfortunately, a live moose never crossed my sight, but there was enough paraphernalia lining the windows of the local shops to make the phrase believable.

If the title and introduction wasn't enough for you to guess the topic of this column, I'll state it blatantly: fishing. Fishing is a hobby I rediscovered and with which I am now obsessed. My father taught me how to fish as a child, but at the time I lacked the patience needed to be a successful fisherman. I appreciate the sport much more now.

Up in Maine, I spent almost all my time fishing and caught nothing. I was after trout, which is perhaps one of the most elusive freshwater fish in the world.

Somehow, a creature with a brain smaller than an acorn is able to outsmart a human being. Most fishermen are lucky to catch one, even if means devoting their entire day to doing so.

I'm sure if I spent all day canoeing around the inlets, coves, and points of the lake, I would have caught something. But alas, I came up empty-handed.

The impetus that reignited my interest in fishing was the writing of Ernest Hemingway. Anyone who has studied Hemingway's body of work and life would know that sport fishing played a major role.

I'm in the process of reading a book titled Hemingway's Boat by Paul Hendrickson, which details the years in Hemingway's life during which he owned his fishing vessel Pilar.

The book dives deeply into the soul of the man, whose life has been so psychologically analyzed that now there are no less than twenty different interpretations of the writer's life.

However, Hemingway's Boat strays from the psychological in favor of the concrete, by using letters and firsthand accounts to trace the years Hemingway spent on the one constant in his life: his boat. The book examines his overwhelming personality, his anger, his boorishness, and also his ability to commit acts of enormous generosity.

Now, what does any of this have to do with food? Fish, while being an amazing source of vitamins, oils, and protein, is perhaps the most important food on the planet, being that it is the only wild creature that has yet to be domesticated.

You can make a claim that there are farm grown fish, and you would be correct. However, the majority of fish that we find at markets and on our plates were caught out of the wild. It is truly our last wild food.

Fishing is also a very personal and often spiritual experience. There is something about sitting in a boat, on a dock or on the shore watching your line bob up and down, that makes you forget about everything else.

You are fully committed to that moment in time. The more patient and relaxed and focused a fisherman is, the more fish he will catch. I will not proceed to bore you with the story of my summer, but I will tell you that the times I spent fishing and out in nature were the greatest moments of said summer. Summer is a time to be outside, to connect with the environment, and to be with friends. It is a time to cook and experiment.

Summer is not the time to sit inside all day, gazing at screens and sleeping. Summer is a time for adventure.

Now, we are back at school and the summer is over, but there is always time to reconnect with nature and cook a meal.

However, I will be giving you a recipe that I discovered while I was in Maine; a recipe I know you probably won't cook, but I thought it would be fun to share. Hemingway's Recipe for Pan-Fried Trout first appeared in the Toronto Star, but I found it in a cookbook – the title of which I cannot remember – but the recipe is courtesy of the author of the cookbooks, should she ever read this.

I know what you've read wasn't exactly about cooking or how to prepare a meal, but you have a whole semester to read about that.

My goal for this introductory edition of the paper was to share with you my rekindled love for fishing and to once again encourage you to explore, not just with food, but also with life.

Welcome back and as always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

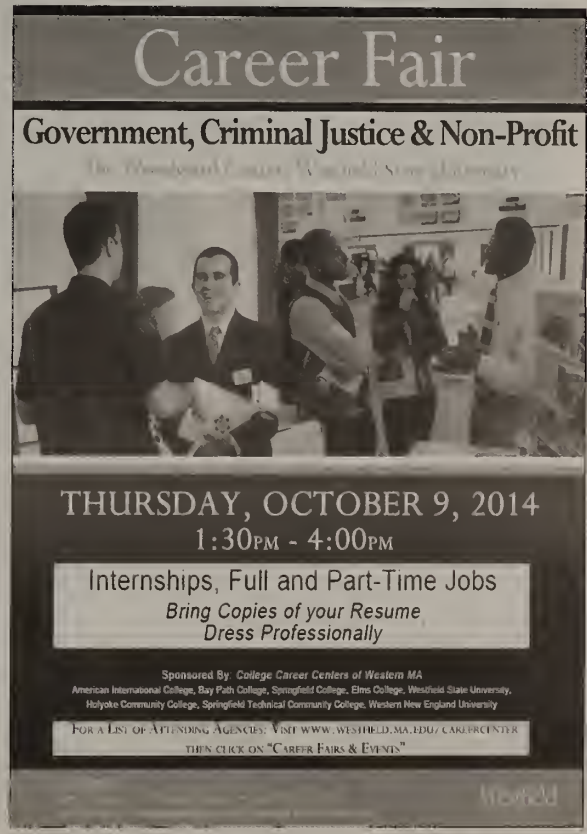
HEMINGWAY'S RECIPE FOR PAN FRIED TROUT

Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon
- 4 whole trout, approx. 8 ounces, cleaned, heads on
- 1/3 to 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal

Instructions

1. In a heavy black iron skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until almost crisp. Remove & reserve.
2. Dust the trout lightly with cornmeal on all sides.
3. Place trout on the drippings and put a slice of bacon on each. Sauté until golden brown about 5-6 minutes on a side, turning once & putting bacon back on top, so bacon bastes the fish.
4. Serve immediately.



owls athletics

WESTFIELD STATE FOOTBALL

Football Starts Kowalski Era

PHOTO FROM WESTFIELD STATE ATHL

First year head coach Pete Kowalski has taken over for 24 year head coach Steve Marino. The longtime assistant coach of the 33 year old program is the first full-time head coach in its history.

WSU Athletic Department

The Pete Kowalski era begins at Westfield State, as for the first time in 24 years, the Owls have a new head coach. Kowalski, the Owls longtime defensive coordinator, becomes just the fifth head coach in school history.

Kowalski has a strong talent base to draw from, as Westfield returns 20 seniors, the largest senior class in school history, four all-conference players, and a group of 44 new freshmen and transfers.

"With 44 new players we were ale to bring a high degree of competition to preseason camp," said Kowalski. I've heen very happy with the dedication of our upper classmen in the off season, and we have great leadership from our seniors, including captains Troy Cutter, Michael Mercadante and Cam Willcox."

Junior quarterback Erik Washburn is the incumbent as starter. Washburn opened the year as the Owls signal caller last year, before a shoulder injury derailed his season in the third game. He tossed three touchdown passes in the season opener, and then engineered a win over Western New England in a hig rivalry game. Senior Steve Guercio will also vie for reps leading the Owls.

Tailback Mike Mercadante returns for his senior season. He gained 519 yards and score four TD's a year ago in just aix games. The workhorse has gained more than 1700 yards in his career and scored 23 touchdowns for the Owls in three seasons. Junior Colby Bostek can provide a change of pace in the running game. He tallied 380 yards and found the end zone four times last season. Sophomore Tanner Ford and freshman Ryan Sweeney will help open up holes from the fullback position.

The Owls veteran offensive line should he a strength, led by all-conference center Wayne McGillicuddy. Seniors Eddie Fallon, Kyle Seidnitzer, and Tom Sarkisian team with sophomore John Bradway to give the Owls a cohesive unit up front. Senior Peter Knowles, or freshmen Mekiah Lambert and David Kwasny give the Owls options at tight end, where the team must replace two quality graduates in Jeff Winchell and Jake Storey who saw the majority of theplaying time a year ago.

Wide receiver is the one slot where new faces abound. The Owls graduated their top two outside threats (Kevin Nicol and Kane Terrelli) from a year ago. Bobby Boire, Scotty Nye, Yinka Areago and Colin Smith are among the group that is competing for jobs in the passing game.

Kowalski has led the owls to several nationally ranked defensive units in the past and this year should he no exception. The front seven looks to be the strength of the defense.

All-conference senior captain Troy Cutter led the team with 75 tacklea and three interceptions from his middle linebacker spot in 2013. Cutter will be joined by senior Julon McCoy who made 25 tackles a year ago, and senior Nick Sullivan or sophomore David Driscoll at outside linebacker.

The defensive line may be the strongest and deepest group on the team, bolstered by return of Mike Mizzoni and Cam Wilcox who missed 2013 with injures.

Senior Marcus Pettigrew was second on the team in 2013 with 68 tackles, and had 10 tackles for losses and four sacks. Jonathan Lytle was also an all conference pick and led the team with 14 TFL's and five sacks. Seniors Justin McGrath and Bill Greene played key roles a year ago and will see time again this year.

Wilcox and Mizzoni were stalwarts in 2012, each making more than 30 tackles with the ability to get after the passer.

Junior free safety Greg Sheridan totaled 53 tackles and 3 interceptions, and earned regional Academic All America honors last year. Sam Laurin switches sides of the ball after playing at wide receiver last year and moves to corner. Juniors Joey Mespelli and Chris Storey will see time as well.

The special teams returns hoth kickers in Mike Bortolussi, who kicked extra points last year, and all conference kicker Michael Orellana who converted on 9 of 16 field goal tries, including a 42-yarder.

The Owls return a veteran coaching staff that includes Sean O'Brien, who moves to defensive coordinator, and newcomer Rohert Grammer takes over as offensive coordinator.

"Coach O'Brien and I have been together for 18 years, and I know he will continue our tradition of excellence on our defense," aaid Kowalski.

"I want this to be a football program of which the University can proud," aaid Kowalski. "We want to continue the tradition of excellence that Coach Marino began, and we ask three things of our players – to be champions in tha classroom; be champions in the community and be champions on the football field."

WESTFIELD STATE SOCCER

Men's Soccer Dominates In First Win

PHOTO FROM WESTFIELD STATE ATHL

Westfield State rallied for seven goals in the first 30 minutes against Wheelock. They are now 1-1 on the season.

WSU Athletic Department

Eight different Westfield State players scored goals as the Owls coasted to a 12-0 win over Wheelock College on the second day of the Soccer City Shootout at Western New England University's Suprenant Field.

The Owls burst out of the gate with seven goals in the first 30 minutes of play, dominating a young Wheelock squad comprised largely of freshman. The Owls held a 15-0 edge in shots on goal at the half and a 7-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Freshman midfielder Connor Townsend opened the scoring for Westfield just 3:40 into the match, converting off of a through ball from Dom Cavallini.

Cavallini tallied the first of his three goals just two minutes later. He finished the day with seven points on three goals and four assists.

Freshman Mitch Goulet wadded his first two collegiate goals later in the half.

Freshman Alex Kraver started in goal for the Owls and went largely untested, as he was not forced to make a save in the first half, before giving way to classmate Mark Patnaude to start the second half of play. The Owls held Wheelock without a shot on goal in the match.

Keith Hevey and Matt Carvalho were named to the all-tournament team for the Owls. Westfield improves to 1-1 on the season, while Wheelock falls to 0-2.

After these two games, Westfield players are already making a name for themselves.

Westfield State University senior striker Dom Cavallini has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference's inaugural player of the week for the 2014 season.

Cavallini enjoyed a career day on Sunday, as he tallied three goals and four assists in leading Westfield to the 12-0 win over Wheelock College. The big day more than doubled his career output; he had tallied two goals and four assists in 52 games prior to Sunday.

Cavallini is being counted on to be a big part of the Owls' offensive attack this season. The Owls (1-1) will be back in action on Wednesday, traveling to Albertus Magnus College at 4:00 p.m. in a non-conference game.

Westfield plays Williams, Springfield, and Trinity Colleges in the upcoming home games before their road game at Fitchburg State.

Team USA Relys on Young Stars at FIBA World Cup

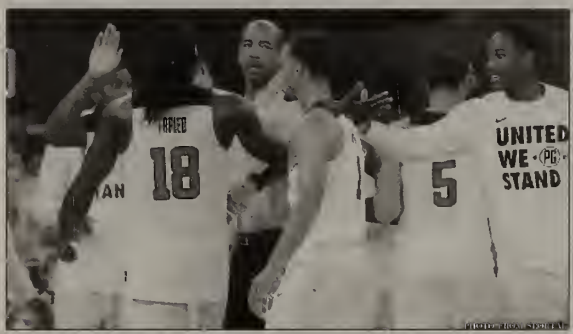


PHOTO FROM SPORTS

Kenneth Faried has become the star of the 2014 USA basketball team. His highlight dunks and hustle are always most prominent when the team needs them most.

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

Team USA has grown into an entity that is the envy of all other international teams. The 12 players on this year's team are either all-star players or rising stars. In each international competition, Coach Mike Krzyzewski has a new team with players that have mostly never played together. Since he took over the team in 2006, he has only lost one game.

This team USA squad has the least total experience of any team in recent memory. However, they maybe have been the most fun to watch. Rudy Gay, at 28 is the oldest and most experience addition, and he wasn't considered until Paul George's leg injury.

It felt as though the USA was sending an average team who didn't have much of a chance against the experience of Spain, Greece (the last team to beat USA), and Argentina. A team of unproven atars looking to find an identity was going to take on the world'a best playera and expected to win every game by 30 points. Good Luck.

Kevin Durant, Paul George, Carmelo Anthony, LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Dwight Howard Russell Westbrook, Blake Griffin, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, and Kevin Love have all decided to pass on this FIBA World Cup. All of who together would make a respectable international team of their own.

Kenneth Faried haa been the best player by-and-large in this tournament for USA, leading the tournament shooting 78.4% from the field and providing the contagious energy boost whenever the team looked sluggish or disinterested. He helped to spark a run of 22 consecutive points late in the game against the Dominican Republic.

Anthony Davis is currently fourth in the tournament with 2.0 blocks per game. James Harden leads the tournament in steals with 2.8 per game. Klay Thompson has picked up the slack from the perimeter off the bench.

This 2014 team USA group has been a lesson to Jerry Colangelo, Coach K, NBA stars and USA fans alike. Young talented players with something to prove my be the best to select to represent this country on basketball's highest international stage.

Top tier NBA players like Chris Paul, Kevin Durant, and LeBron James can withdraw from competition without guilt after the long NBA season because they know that the young stars will make the best of their opportunities. Ali three of these players have made their contributions to USA basketball and won gold medals.

A new wave of hungry players has taken the reigns of USA basketball as we know it and the future is bright for the program. The 2016 Olympic roster will look different from this one, but the same fight will be there. John Wall, Bradley Beal, and Damian Lillard, were all cut from this 2014 representation of USA basketball and will have two years to develop until they try to exemplify the USA on the hardwood again.

Tbe idea of having young players instead of players like LeBron and Durant gives the whole unit a new feel. The games would he more fun to watch because of the unpredictability of the team. The players would enjoy the experience more so than veterans because of the new and exciting positions. Team USA takes on a Harlem Globetrotters mentality during these competitions and it is unique and entertaining to watch these players go through it for the first time.

Team USA is always the sports entertainment of the summer but watching young talented players evolve into superstars will he the icing on the cake.

horoscopes

Aries
(Marcb 21 - April 20)
This is a week full of new beginnings. Avoid dwelling in the past; the future holds better things for you. Start something new and stay away from the frozen meatball section of the grocery store. Trust me.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)
There's bad juju coming your way. Take caution; board up the windows and lock the doors. Stay away from strange looking cats and dark alleys.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)
The stars are in your favor this week, Gemini. Be ready for a life changing experience such as a promotion, advancement or new love interest. Hold on tight and prepare for your bright future.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)
There is not much in store for you. Avoid making big changes in your life. Stick to your ordinary schedule and avoid that new Thai restaurant down the street.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)
Make bold steps this week. The results are sure to pay off. Pitch your boss that new idea you have. Ask that special someone out to Chuck E. Cheese's; you've got that jackpot waiting for you.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 22)
Stop kidding yourself. You know it. I know it, everyone knows it. It's time to come clean and face the consequences.

Libra
(September 23 - October 22)
We know you've been itching to buy that new, shiny car. Ignore that itch. A grave future awaits you if you were to get bebind that fancy, new wheel.

Scorpio
(October 23 - November 21)
It's time to leave that old special friend in the past. Start pursuing that cute coworker with the deep dimples and goofy smile that you've had your eye on.

Sagittarius
(November 22 - December 21)
Your future seems quite hazy this week. I can't clearly foresee anything positive or negative coming from the choices you make. Stay apathetic and good luck!

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)
You'll be faced with a tough choice this week. Stay apprehensive and don't make any bold choices that you will regret. Things may seem hard now, but remember the good times and you will prevail.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)
I know you miss your family but your distance from them will allow you to succeed. Your independence may make you seem vulnerable but by this time next week, you'll be glad to be away.

Pisces
(February 20 - March 20)
Kick that annoying and unhealthy habit. Make positive changes to better your life. It's time to grow up, kid.

games & leisure

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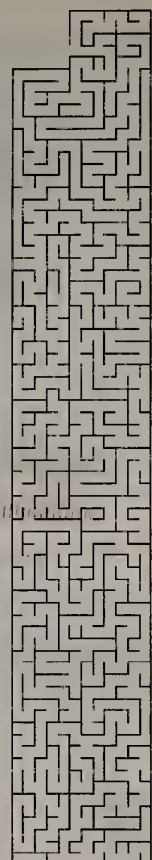

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9/10	Lunch	Coney Island Hot Dog Day	Dining Commons
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Rebecca DiVico chairs first meeting as president of SGA; Last year's statement on Dobelle stands

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

(top) Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, at the podium during Tuesday's meeting. This year's executive council is all new save for DiVico and Joshua Frank, student trustee.

Bustling around the campus of Westfield State University are the following: the energy of the faculty and student body, activities and clubs, sports teams practicing and playing, an early hint of the autumn chill, and of course, the start of the longest standing forum on campus known as the Student Government Association.

The SGA met to open their first meeting of the academic year on Sept. 9. The SGA did not have a full-seated council. The class of 2018 and residence hall representatives will be voted in and begin their terms in late September.

Newly elected president of the SGA, Rebecca DiVico, introduced Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, and Susan LaMontagne, dean of student affairs, before speaking to the SGA.

Pickron absorbed the SGA's applause and slowly strolled his way to the main podium giving everyone in the room a good laugh. LaMontagne jokingly added not to encourage him. Before Pickron spoke, he introduced interim president Elizabeth Preston who stopped by to say hello.

Interim president Elizabeth Preston kept her speech brief and welcomed back the returning SGA council and wishing the SGA a successful year. Pickron then congratulated the winning elected council for the 2014/2015 year and the work ahead of them. He said the senior convocation would be on Sept. 18 along with the groundbreaking of the new science annex building near Wilson Hall.

He said, "Class of 2015, May 16 4 p.m., will be here real soon. Enjoy the time now until May 16, at 4 p.m. You seniors must do well." Pickron lastly implored DiVico and the senators to work hard and be the student leaders and voices for the students of Westfield State. He also stressed the prudence of earning a baccalaureate degree. "But remember to take care of your academic business while you are here. It is critical, that we remember that. Keep our eyes on that prize."

LaMontague spoke after and said she is thrilled to see everyone back. She said she would give a more serious speech when the SGA has a full council in a few weeks.

Michael Basmajian, the new campus organizer for the MASSPIRG chapter at Westfield State, said a few words about what MASSPIRG has planned for the semester.

He said MASSPIRG's goal is to register 500 Westfield State students and over 1,200 voter contacts before the midterm elections on Nov. 4. "We have a lot of big plans to make students know about the election and actually participate," Basmajian said.

He said MASSPIRG already has more than 400 pledges to vote from students and is excited to work alongside the SGA to meet other students

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NEW SCIENCE ANNEX

Deval Patrick cancels on annex groundbreaking and senior class convocation

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

After excitement rose at the prospect of a gubernatorial visit to Westfield State, a change of plans has Gov. Deval Patrick travelling overseas on Sept. 18, the date of the annex groundbreaking and Senior Convocation.

According to Advancement and University Relations, Gov. Patrick will be travelling overseas and therefore unable to attend what is projected to be the two most important on-campus events of the year.

The governor was intended to be attending the annex groundbreaking and Convocation on his way to the Berkshires for a small vacation.

Once last Friday's issue of The Westfield Voice was released with the front page article reporting the governor's visit, rumors swirled that it might not actually be so.

Rumors were confirmed Monday that the plans changed.

The office of Advancement and University Relations was informed on Friday.

Both events will continue with adjustments to the schedule. The governor was supposed to deliver a speech at the groundbreaking, but according to the President's Office, a replacement is being sought.

Other speakers will be university interim president Elizabeth Preston and SGA president Rebecca DiVico.

The class of 2015 is currently planning their Convocation. Senior

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Live football broadcasts added to new community radio lineup on WSKB 89.5 FM

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WSKB-FM has been a mainstay on the Westfield State campus for the last forty years.

With the new radio antenna that was installed during last semester's Spring Break, the programming on the station has be rejuvenated and revamped.

First, it started with community radio, with the likes of Bo Sullivan and others running morning programs and Westfield-related shows.

Now, the envelope has been pushed further with the addition of Westfield State Owls Football being broadcasted live from Alumni Field through the studio in Ely to airwaves.

Piloting the play-by-play and color comments are the dynamic duo of Mike Drew and Nic Odell.

Armed with a producer in the studio on the third floor of the Ely Campus Center who inserts the station IDs and intro music where appropriate, the show is all Drew and Odell.

However, this is not their first foray into the world of radio. The duo host "Sports Talk with Nic Odell," which is tentatively scheduled for Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Both senior communication majors, they are excited about the prospect of making Owls Football a new tradition in Westfield.

"I think it's great that our football streams have been expanded to include broadcast on WSKB," said Drew.

He added, "I know that this has been clamored for in the past, and it's nice to be able to give folks another option when listening in to the station."

Odell said, "This is awesome that the radio station is now a part of the Westfield community. I am looking forward to working with community radio and broadcasting more Westfield State football games."

"The integration of community radio with student radio at WSKB 89.5 FM creates a powerful media presence in the Greater Westfield region and further strengthens the relationship between the university and the city of Westfield. This has been made possible by the city of Westfield's support of a stronger broadcast antenna atop Ely Campus Center," said Michael R. Knapik, executive director of university advancement.

He added, "Friday night's first ever, live broadcast of the Owls football home opener game against Nichols College shows the remarkable ways in which we hope to partner with the new technology. We anticipate additional Owls games and other athletic events will be broadcasted and we are hopeful to air...the Westfield High School Bomber football game on Thanksgiving morning."

The radio station is located on the third floor of Ely in room 302. The meeting for new DJs is Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the third floor lounge.

On top of the new football broadcasts, there are a dozen or so shows that air in the morning hours on WSKB.

The shows air 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and feature a variety of people associated with Westfield State and the city as the hosts.

Two of the shows that air in this block of programming feature students as shows—Monday's "The Students' Show" and Friday's "Morning Cup O' Joe."

Thursday features four hours of programming led by Patrick Berry, president of The Westfield News Group.

The Westfield News Group also serves as the media partner in the community for the university.

"Our community hosts have worked hard at presenting an interesting line up of drive-time programming for the listeners in this market. The return of local programming on the radio after an absence of nearly three decades is made more powerful by our partnerships with The Westfield News Group and live streaming on Cable Channel 15 in Westfield," said Knapik.

"We are grateful to our underwriters, Noble Hospital, the Westfield Gas & Electric, and United Bank for the support of community radio and the radio club at Westfield State," he concluded.

The radio station is run by Jake Lehan and its faculty advisors are Michael Filas, professor of English, and Mark Nimkoff, professor of communication.

"The rollout of community radio programming on WSKB has been a long time in the making. The conversations started in earnest about four or five years ago, and at that time I was among the voices that insisted that we fix the antenna, so our signal reached to the boundaries of Westfield, before we began adding more programming," said Filas.

He added, "The reason this rollout is such a success, from my perspective, is that the community radio orga-

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news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

On Tuesday, the body of a missing Amherst woman was discovered on the corner of Amity Street and University Drive in a wooded area. She was identified as 26 year-old Marissa Jackson, who had been missing since Friday night. Her death is still under investigation.There is not believed to be a threat to public safety.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Hanna Strong, a member of the Syracuse womens' soccer team, released a statement on Tuesday night apologizing for her racist, homophobic remarks that went viral in a video this past Saturday. Strong was removed from the soccer team by Coach Phillip Wheddon.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Harvard College held its first community discussion for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Committee on Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures on Tuesday. Approximately thirty people attended the discussion, which was mostly a dialogue of questions and answers.

news from clubs and orgs

wskb 89.5 fm

The student radio club is just getting things going for this year and the first DJ interest meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17. Any interested students should contact general manager Jake Lehan at wskbgm@yahoo.com or jlehan3791@westfield.ma.edu. It's a great club for anyone interested in music, talk, sports, and live entertainment on campus and off.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2018 Class Council signature papers and Student Conduct applications available in SGA office

Sydney Castonguay
Features Editor

Looking to make a difference within the school community? Have your voice heard by serving on the Student Government Association (SGA). The class of 2018 is currently looking for applicants interested in serving on the council.

SGA works with the university administration to establish or review policies and procedures that affect students and student life on campus.

One person will be elected to serve in each of the following positions: president, vice president, treasurer, historian, publicity coordinator, and community/fundraiser representative.

Additionally, four students will be elected to serve as representatives to the SGA.

Each person must be willing to complete the duties assigned to their position. All members are required to attend class council meetings in a location decided by the class president and advisors and participate in all class events.

Class president must preside over all class council meetings, attend weekly SGA meetings on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., serve on required student government committees, and complete a minimum of four units per month unless otherwise noted by the legislative secretary.

The vice president will be in charge of presiding over meetings and decisions when the president is unavailable. The treasurer will work with Barbara Hand, SGA advisor, to obtain class account information needed for meetings, monitor all class expenditures, and report to the council on the status of class accounts.

The secretary will be required to take minutes and attendance at the meetings.

The historian will keep records of agendas, minutes and other documents and also takes photos of class activities and events and may be appointed to chair committees by the president as needed.

The publicity coordinator will be in charge of designing and distributing flyers, posters, emails, and social media communications for class events. The community/fundraiser representative will serve on the Ad Hoc Civic Engagement Committee and assist the publicity coordinator with planning events.

Representatives must attend the weekly SGA meetings, class council meetings, serve on student government committees, and complete units each month.

All applicants must be in good academic standing, have paid their student activity fee on their bill, and complete the election procedures which include completing signature papers, turning them on time, and following election bylaws, which are clearly outlined in the SGA constitution and included in the election materials.

Election packets and signature papers are available in the SGA room until Sept. 15. Signature papers require 25 class member signatures and are due back to the SGA by Monday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m.

Physical campaigning begins Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. and electronic campaigning begins Sept. 16.

Failure to follow these rules may result in removal from the election. Voting will take place on myWestfield from 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23, through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24. All first-year students will see a pop-up once they login in regards to the election. If it doesn't appear, one must turn off their pop-up blocker.

In addition, the Student Conduct Board is looking for applicants from the Class of 2018. The board is comprised of students and faculty that try cases on campus ranging from alcohol or drug violations to assault and battery.

Prior to a hearing, everyone will be trained by Shannon Broderick, coordinator of student conduct, and Sue Lamontagne, dean of students.

"The board is a great way for not only criminal justice or psychology majore, but any student to get involved in the student conduct process," shared Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life.

Five students – three regular members and two alternates – will be chosen. Interviews are conducted by the executive council of the Student Government Association, while final decisions will be made by Clark.

For more information regarding SGA and the election process, contact Andrew Morning, SGA executive secretary, at execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

For more information regarding the election process for the Student Conduct Board, contact Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, at vpstudentlife.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

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dents and committees interested in their work. Ten new student leaders have been added to the chapter and other campaigns such as updating the Bottle Bill to increase recycling in Massachusetts, Hunger and Homelessaness, and the affordable texthooks are still going on, he said.

DiVico then reclaimed the podium and motioned to appoint Andrew Morin as executive secretary, which passed unanimously. DiVico then announced that the Sept. 18 ceremony of the annex groundbreaking near Wilson Hall will have her and the interim president apeaking to the university at the site.

After the madam president was done, Joshua Frank, student trustee, gave his report on the board of trustees meetinga over the summer. Frank said on June 26 the university moved to increase the general fee for the fiscal 2015 year by no more than $435. He said this fee does not exceed the state approbation budget, which is $27,663,411. The board also updated the smoke free and tohacco free campus policy.

"They are worried about the change to probibit medical marijuana on campus and are worried about some hacklash that can possibly happen with that," Frank said.

He said the board tabled the topic and will use lawyers and discusa a possible solution for the future. Frank said at the same meeting the board motioned $125,000 to the presidential search committee to conduct their search.

On Aug. 26, Frank said the hoard held a special meeting that addressed the report issued by the Office of the Inspector General about Dobelle.

The board voted unanimously to forward the report to a number of state and federal organizations, including the State Ethics Commission, the Massachusetts State Retirement Board, the Hampden County District Attorney, the Office of the Attorney General, and the U.S. Attorney, said Frank.

He alao said the board accepted changes to motor vehicles acquisitions along with the university's policy on aexual misconduct, domestic violence, and stalking that Suaan Lamontagne hrought to the SGA last year. The next hoard of trustees meeting will he on Oct. 8 in the President's Boardroom.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said he toured the new renovations of Davis Hall with Jon Conlogue, executive director of residential life, and strongly suggests that all students go take a peek at the new study rooms that replaced the bathrooms that forced the awkward four-room pod style setup.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, updated the SGA on last year's hig topic of adding civic engagement courses to the common core classes for students. She said there are a handful of civic engagement courses being required this semester and more will he implemented in other major classes.

Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, said 175 first years went to the mind reader event on their move in day. She also said around 200 students came to the hrown bag hingo and comedian event last Saturday.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, encourages all first-years to vote on Sept. 23 and 24 on MyWeatfield and to run for the 2018 class council.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, announced that governor Deval Patrick would not he joining the groundbreaking event on Sept. 18, which was previously stated on flyers and notices.

After the meeting, when asked to comment on the recent events of Evan S. Dohelle and the inspector general's new report on Dobelle's spending habita with university and foundation money, DiVico stated the SGA will still stand behind the statement from last year's executive council. "Right now we're all about Westfield," she said.

The statement from last year's executive council, read hy former SGA president Taylor Fote, stated, "The Student Government Association, at this time, refrains from commenting on the ongoing investigation involving University Administration. SGA supports the mission of the University and the students we represent."

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Maza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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class president Richard Darrach announced at Tuesday's Student Government meeting that they are working on adjusting the plans to account for the governor's absence.

Both events take place on Sept. 18. Groundbreaking details are still heing planned, but Convocation will take place at 4 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

WSKB 89.5 FM
Community Radio Schedule

Monday
6 to 8 a.m. - Community Corner with Diane Mclean
8 to 10 a.m. - The Students' Show

Tuesday
6 to 8 a.m. - WOW It's Tuesday! with Bob Plasse
8 to 10 a.m. - Owls on the Air with Michael "Buster" McMahon

Wednesday
6 to 8 a.m. - Wake Up, Wednesday with Tina Gorman
8 to 10 a.m. - Mornings with Meyor Dan with Dan Knepik

Thursday
6 to 8 a.m. - The Westfield News Radio Show with Patrick Berry
8 to 9 a.m. - Sports Talk with Patrick Berry
9 10 a.m. - Office Hours with Patrick Berry

Friday
6 to 8 a.m. - J.P.'s Talk of the Town with Jay Pegluica
8 to 10 a.m. - Morning Cup O' Joe

Saturday
6 to 8 a.m. - Pioneer Valley Polka Party with Wayne Smith
8 to 10 a.m. - Wayne's World of Music and Memories with Wayne Smith

WSU earns top 50 spot on U.S. News and World Report's 2015 Best Colleges for Veterans

From news release

For the first time, Westfield State University has been named as one of the top 50 "Best Colleges for Veterans" as reported in the latest US News & World Report 2015 "Best Colleges" edition.

Westfield State was the only Massachusetts state university to make the "Best Colleges for Veterans" list and continues its trend to lead the Massachusetts state university* system in the annual overall rankings for Regional Universities-North.

"Being identified as one of the 'Best Colleges for Veterans' is a tremendous point of pride for Westfield State.

We are deeply committed to serving our country's veterans, and have prioritized providing the support services, academic programming, plus access to a range of federal benefits to address the unique needs of service members and to make earning a degree more manageable and more affordable," said Elizabeth H. Preston, president, Westfield State University.

Westfield State has a demonstrated track record in education programming for service members.

Last year, the university was named a "Top Military Friendly School" by both G.I. Jobs and Military Advanced Education Magazine, and was ranked as one of the top business schools for veterans in the first-ever national survey of business schools by The Military Times. Westfield State currently has nearly 300 veterans representing four percent of the student body on campus.

The "Best Colleges for Veterans" Web-exclusive rankings include numerically ranked schools in the 2015 edition of the U.S. and World Report's "Best Colleges" that meet each of the following criteria: the institution is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium; the institution is certified for the GI Bill; and the institution participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program or is a public institution that charges in-state tuition, which can be fully covered by the GI Bill, to all veterans applying from out of state.

Westfield State officially ranked 115 in the top tier of the "Best Regional Universities – North" up from 123 last year.

The overall rankings of Regional Universities, which offer an array of undergraduate and graduate degrees but few doctoral programs, are split amongst four quadrants of the country - North, South, Midwest, and West, respectively.

Westfield State alumnus David Lopez, '13, is a U.S. Army Veteran and a current member of the Massachusetts State Police force.

Only the top tier of each category is ranked. The 620 universities in this category are not ranked nationally but rather against their peer group in one of four geographic regions because, in general, they tend to draw students most heavily from surrounding states.

Westfield State has steadily climbed in the annual college rankings, notably jumping a full tier in 2009.

Rankings were determined by a number of factors including peer assessment, assessment of excellence, retention and graduation rates, graduation rate performance, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.

The exclusive rankings are available at www.usnews.com/colleges and through the U.S. News College Compass.

They will also be published in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 edition of "Best Colleges," available on newsstands today.

Earlier this year, Westfield State led Massachusetts' universities placing in the top 15 percent out of 205 schools and is the only Massachusetts school public or private in the top 50 in U.S. News & World Report's 2014 "Best Online Education Programs" rankings.

Westfield State's official ranking was 31 out of 205 in the Online Education Bachelor's Programs category based on new research and methodology conducted by U.S. News & World Report.

Westfield State offers six online bachelor's degree completion programs in business management, criminal justice, history, liberal studies, psychology, and sociology.

crime log

On Sept. 3, at 10:15 a.m., there was an assault and battery in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 3 and 4, from 6 a.m. to 8:57 a.m., there was wanton destruction of property committed on Parenzo Road. The case is still open.

On Sept. 4, there was malicious destruction of property committed at Lansdowne Place from 6:47 p.m. to 8:17 p.m. The case is still open.

A summons was mailed for a Sept. 6 of "leaving the scene of an accident" at Lansdowne Place. It occurred at 1:33 a.m. on that day.

On Sept. 6 at 11:54 p.m., a liquor law violation was committed on Parenzo Road. A trespass was issued.

On Sept. 7 at 12:15 a.m., a drug law violation was committed in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 8 at 10:57 p.m., a rape was committed in Scanlon Hall. It is still under investigation by Public Safety.

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nizers have developed their plans with student involvement and participation every step of the way."

WSKB has been student-run since its beginnings in the late 1970s. The student leadership is chosen every year in elections in which the student DJs can be candidates and vote.

"I've been very pleased with the respect that Mike Knapik and his team have had from the start for student programming and the musical traditions of WSKB," praised Filas.

"Broadcasting Owls home football games on WSKB is a new initiative... but the broadcast this last Friday was a success," concluded Filas.

Drew added, "For us as broadcasters, it is also motivating to know that we are being heard by a larger audience. It really brings out the best out of us."

Those that are interested in tuning in to the community programming on WSKB can listen on 89.5 FM, Comcast Channel 15, and at www.atomicradio.us.

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Second American journalist beheaded by ISIS terrorists

Aleixa Gagnon
Voice Reporter

(above left) James Foley in the ISIS video about to be beheaded. He is the first journalist to have died at the hands of these terrorists. (above right) Steven Sotloff died in a similar fashion.

On **Tuesday, Sept. 2,** the Islamic militant group, the Islamic State of Iraq, and the Levant (the ISIS), released a video depicting the decapitation of American journalist, Steven Sotloff.

The video, which lasts a little under three minutes, shows Sotloff kneeling beside a masked militant, wielding a knife by the journalist's side, as Sotloff addresses America and President Barack Obama.

Sotloff is the second American journalist to be beheaded at the hands of the Islamic terrorist group. Just two weeks prior to Sotloff's death in the appropriately titled video "A Second Message to America", freelance journalist James Foley, received the same fate. His video was released August 19th, 2014.

Even more chilling, a week before the death of Sotloff, his mother sent a video to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, pleading for the release of her son, that he "is a journalist who traveled to the Middle East to cover the suffering of Muslims at the hands of tyrants," but her plea fell on deaf ears.

Sotloff grew up in South Florida with his mother, father, and younger sister, before going off to the Univaraity of Central Florida to major in journalism.

He began to take up Arabic classes, and would occasionally take up freelance writing projects for number of publications, including Time, Foreign Policy, World Affairs, and The Christian Science Monitor. His writings led to his constant traveling, from Yemen to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey, among other countries, and eventually Syria.

It wasn't until the release of Foley's video that anyone was aware of Sotloff's kidnapping.

He was shown; kneeling after Foley had been beheaded, and it was made clear that his fate depended on what Obama did next in Iraq.

There was a ransom for $6.6 million as wall as the release of convicted terrorist, Aafia Siddiqui, to ensure Steven'a freedom. Sotloff was forced to speak to America and it's President on his knees while dressed in orange garb.

He said, "Obama, your foreign policy of intervention in Iraq was supposed to be for preservation of American lives and interests, so why is it that I am paying the price of your interference with my life?"

The militant even speaks up to say, "As long as U.S. missiles continue to strike our people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people," and ends with a clear threat; "Obama, just back off and leave us alone."

It is obvious that Foley and Sotloff's deaths were not the first, since a ransom was also made for a woman whose identity was not disclosed to the media at the request of her family.

And they aren't the last, as a threat has been on the life of a British captive named David Haines.

Obama has made several statements about the incidents, claiming that, "Those who make the mistake of harming Americans will learn that we will not forget... that our reach is long and that justice will be served."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the latest video shows ISIS' "unfathomable brutality," and made this statement, on Wednesday, Sept. 3: "For so many who worked so long to bring Steven and tha other Americans home safely, this was not how the story should have ended."

For now, the objective is to rescue the British captive and to degrade and destroy ISIS until it is no longer a threat. But until these plans are put into action, as Obama says, they need "to have a regional strategy in place."

It'a a game of chess, where both sides wait to see who makes the next move.

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from the voice vault

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Senate Misses a Contract Deadline Senators Say "We Were Not Aware!"

By SCHOTT/ NADEAU/KULPINSKI

Student ratification of the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA) contract missed its April 23 deadline. According to Ronald Michaud, president of the MSCA Westfield chapter, students have lost participation in college community governance.

Student Senate officials say they were not aware of the deadline.

Michaud points to Article VII, Section H of the contract, which states that a referendum vote is to be conducted by the campus student government body, i.e. Student Senate, not later than 60 days after the governor's signature and ratification by the Board of Regents is received.

Michaud said that ratification took place February 23, which made the student ratification deadline April 23. That date fell three days before the referendum passed in the April 25 and 27 Senate-run, campus-wide elections.

That referendum stated, "Shall the students of Westfield State College participate in decision-making at the college as provided for in the contract executed between the Massachusetts Teachers Association / MSCA and the Board of Regents of Higher Education?" The referendum passed by a 791 to 56 margin.

Because of the missed deadline, students will be unable to have members on governance committees for the duration of the contract which expires June 30, 1986. The committees involved are the All-College Committee, Academic Policies Committee, Curriculum Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee, and Student Affairs Committee.

Michaud said that he "feels badly" about the situation, but that there is "little I can do because the contract is a legal, standing document, and we are bound very strictly by its deadlines as such."

He added, "A contract is a contract. If we have to adhere to deadlines, then we all have to adhere to the deadlines."

A statement released by the Student Senate states, "We are indeed surprised to learn of this interpretation of the agreement (contract) by the local chapter head.

"It certainly would be unfortunate if the MSCA was actually trying to prevent students from participating in the governance of this or any other campus. The faculty union would seem to need the organized support of the student body.

"At this point, we will have to confer with council to see whether there is any merit to Mr. Michaud's claim."

Senate executives say the change will affect about 15 students on committee. The consequences, however, will be felt campus-wide.

Senators say they had no idea that this action would be taken by the MSCA. They declined further comment about the reasons for the missed deadline until the Senate's lawyer could be contacted.

Want to see more stuff from the voice vault?

Contact Joshua Clark or Andrew Burke, editors-in-chief, to set up an appointment to peer through fifty-plus years of Westfield State news, opinions, arts & entertainment, and sports from Westek to The Westfield Voice.

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Advertisement Disturbs Student Government Association

Glaay Gregory
STAFF REPORTER

An ad for Anthony's Bar, recently published in the September 20 issue of The Owl, has been causing some controversy at W.S.C. The ad was geared towards prospective female dancers, as well as listing the nights and times that certain performers appear at the bar.

Members of the Student Government Association executive board, as well as several other student senators, felt that the ad was offensive and inappropriate for a college newspaper. The issue was discussed during a heated debate at last Tuesday's S.G.A. meeting.

Dan Szenda, W.S.G. Student Trustee, said he has a problem with any form of advertising existing in The Owl with the exception of any student discounts or offers which are campus related. He said he feels thet the advertising space could be put to better use with more articles on campus issues.

"I think The Owl could have used better discretion and better taste," Szenda said. "The ad didn't personally offend me, but the fact that it could he found offensive to others bothers me."

S.G.A. President Ted Christ feels that it is up to the students themselves to come forward and express how they feel on whioh ads should or shouldn't be run. He noted that since no students came forward with any objections to the ad, he is not overly concerned.

"The ad didn't offend mo personally. Although I am concerned that it may offend other students on campus. However, The Owl is self-governed and self-run and it's up to them to set an editorial policy," Christ explained.

Paul Marquez, a Commuter Council representative, said, "Honestly I never even noticed the ad. Personally I'm very liberal, so I think thet although it may be offensive to others we still have to respect the First Amendment."

Kevin Cross, a representative for the Class of '94, said, "Money makes the world go around. Anthony's is a paying advertiser. I know some people were offended by the ad, however, some people were not offended. The Owl has improved greatly over the last year and this (a paying ad) will help offset the increase in production for them. That is the purpose for newspaper eds, to give anyono and everyone options for activities. If you don't like it you don't have to read it."

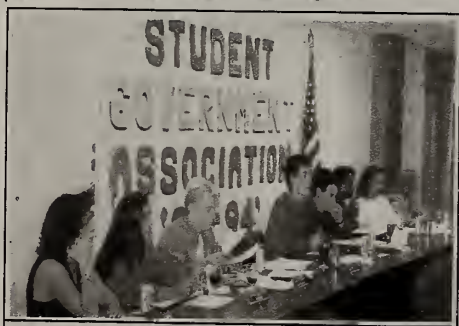
Many students at W.S.C. feel that no one should censor whet types of ads appear in e college newspaper. Senior Kathleen McDermott said, "I don't see why it's offensive to people. If you don't like that sort of entertainment, you don't have to go there. If you don't went to dance for them, you don't have to apply for the job. By reading an ad in the newspaper, you are in no way forced to do those things."

Owl Editor Kevin Barnard, along with other members of the papers' editorial board, are currently evaluating the issue of what types of ade will or will not be run.

"The editorial board spent a lot of time discussing the issue," he said. "We decided that although some members of the college community may he offended by the ad, we felt thet the general feeling toward it would be one of indifferance. Legally there is nothing preventing us from running the ed. We received only one lettor commenting on it and the opinions of several student senators."

Barnard added that a new editorial policy will be in plece hy tha next issue of The Owl.

"At this point we are deciding on a definito policy as to what ads we will or won't run, if any," he concluded.



The Student Government Association Executive Council for 1993-94 minus V.P. of student Life Todd Andyatis, who announced his resignation last week. (Photo by Scott Nelson)

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ON-CAMPUS COMMUTER PARKING

Maloni: The commuter parking solution

Carlo Maloni
Voice Columnist

The construction of the science annex by Wilson Hall has cut parking spots from the Commuter Lot. There does not seem to be one popular idea that commuters can get behind to fix the solution.

Much like the experience of college itself, our recent commuter-parking situation has become quite a challenge. Commuter parking, which was already problematic, has now become even more limited due to the construction of the new science building.

Estimated to be completed by August of 2016, the new 54,000 square foot science building will cost roughly 33 million dollars and will be built adjacent to Wilson Hall. Construction will shut down nearby sidewalks and will reduce the Commuter Lot by an estimated 120 spaces for the next two years.

Now facing a parking lot that has been reduced in size, commuter students must leave extra early for classes or park elsewhere.

While Juniper Park, the Horace Mann Center, and the South Lot seem to be viable options for students with many classes in a single day, they are not. With only so much backpack room, many students travel to their vehicles in between classes to get what they need for their next class.

A potential solution to the parking issue could be to recalculate and repaint the Commuter Lot so that the available space can be used more efficiently.

A project of this nature would be of relatively low-cost and could be implemented within a single weekend.

Parking spots could be divided into specific vehicle types in order to make better use of space. For example, the side of the Commuter Lot that is furthest from Wilson could be repainted specifically for trucks and sport utility vehicles.

The next rows could then be dedicated to smaller vehicles and would allow for a greater number of parking spaces.

In addition, the trees along the edge of the Commuter Lot closest to the Second Congregational Church could be removed in order to create more usable space.

Another solution would be to implement extra shuttles to and from distant lots so that students are able to obtain quick access to their vehicles.

Additional shuttles would not only accommodate the students who park elsewhere due to the parking space reduction, but would also encourage commuters to explore other lots rather than circle the Commuter Lot for extended periods of time.

Over a two year period the cost of activating additional shuttles would be relatively insignificant when looking at the overall cost of the new science building.

If these options are not feasible, perhaps Westfield State University could provide commuters with a small credit back from their parking decal payment. For example, a refund of fifteen dollars would at least assure students that the University is aware of and understands the impact of reduced parking spaces.

Regardless of what action is taken towards this situation, we must remember that as college students, we are going to face many challenges in our lives and careers. The commuter parking situation is simply another challenge to overcome during the journey through college.

Viewing this issue in this manner will create a positive outlook and encourage others to remain optimistic about the situation. However, for the time being, commuters must accept the situation as it is.

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editorial

Syracuse's Hanna Strong's racist comments have a societal origin

Much has been said about the Syracuse University soccer player Hanna Strong who was caught on video using racist and derogatory language against another student.

She has been indefinitely suspended from the team and is under investigation by the university for her actions.

It is never appropriate to refer to anybody as a fa**ct-a** ni**er.

The university's vice president and dean of student affairs Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz promised "swift action" in this case.

The chancellor is involved and it seems that this has become quite the controversy in college campus race relations.

Even though she issued a statement to The Daily Orange, Syracuse's campus newspaper, she has not done enough to assuage the concerns that comments like that bring to mind.

The problem is that whenever things like that happen on a college campus—a white person making derogatory comments against a minority—a statement is issued by the student, an "investigation" takes place, and the student is placed on academic probation until the fervor calms down.

Hanna Strong should be the exception.

It is the opinion of this editorial board that Strong is only apologizing because she got caught making those statements on video.

She says in her statement, "The words I chose are equally cruel and hurtful and do not reflect in any way how I view those it may have offended."

These kinds of statements are truly cookie cutter and can only be written whenever a person is compelled to respond to a public relations crisis involving their stupidity.

Racist and homophobic language does not randomly appear in conversation because it is in vogue.

That kind of language comes from deep-rooted opinions of a minority race held by a dominant race.

It is so important to see the microaggression that was displayed in that video.

Strong was helligerently drunk and being recorded on video by a person of color.

She decides that she does not like that and expresses her feelings in one unedited and unfiltered hurst.

Then she encouraged the people present to call her out for using the N-word.

The fact of the matter is that there is no excuse for anybody to use that word —white or not—in a public setting.

We need to be more honest with ourselves and realize that these cultural separations and adversities exist in our society.

Once we realize that, we need to make efforts toward changing how we deal with each other.

The racist ideals of yesterday are still ingrained in our societal institutions.

Hanna Strong is not the first one to make these comments and she certainly won't be the last, but society needs to realize the origins of these comments.

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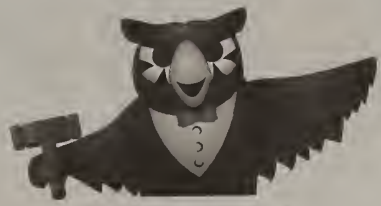

Student Government Association

Election materials and signature papers will be available starting **Friday, September 5, 2014** at 9 AM in the SGA room, located on the garden level of Ely (017) next to Dunkin Donuts

Signature papers are due to the SGA room by **Monday, September 15, 2014.**

Elections will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 and Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 on MyWestfield.

If you have any questions about elections, positions or signature papers, please email ExecSec.SGA@westfield.ma.edu.

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Reactions to Tuesday's primary... The bad, good, and completely expected

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

As the title says, the primary was over this Tuesday and in all honesty; were there any real surprises?

Now, despite the fact that I have reminded readers to avoid one of these... primary mistakes, some things just cannot be avoided.

It is with great sadness that I report the failure of the Steve Grossman campaign to beat out current Attorney General, Martha Coakley, in the democrat primary.

Among the other big losers of the night is Mark Fisher, who shouldn't have been allowed on the ballot due to the lack of initial support he had.

Though something did come out of the Republican Gubernatorial primary, with 100% of the precincts reporting, there are 40,123 people in this state I hope will leave.

If you are wondering why such an exact number, I will tell you!

It is the exact number of voters who turned out in support of Mark Fisher... well it's the exact number +1 for the primary school teacher who took away my recess for mistaking a sharpie for a white board marker (you know who you are).

I won't go into why I disliked Fisher, because he will have no chance to be governor of this state, and thank some common sense for that one!

However there were some surprises in this year's primary.

Eric Lesser beat out Timothy Allen for the democratic primary in the 1st Hampden and Hampshire district for State Senate. Now the real surprise is the closeness of the race.

This race was thought to be a simple blowout by one of the candidates, but the results showed a difference of 198 votes between the two candidates.

I was honestly surprised at such a small margin for victory by Lesser.

Now another shocking race was Incumbent Joseph Wagner's primary run for his seat. Wagner, a rather popular candidate in the 8th Hampden district was actually challenged by newcomer William Courchesne.

Now let me be clear, it was no real contest between the two candidates, Wagner was simply going to crush anyone who attempted to run again him.

Well, I mean I guess there is a saying in Chicopee, "Isn't it great, he actually got 6,000 votes!"

I should make a quick mention for those following the Hampden county district attorney race.

I know it was depressing to see Alumnus Shawn Allen lose, however, the race was fierce, being essentially the real election (since no republican actually ran for it), and it came down to who got the Springfield Political Machine to support them.

Anthony Gulluni had that support, along with other strong supporters for his campaign.

I believe it will be an interesting tenure in the DA's office.

Now here are my few comments regarding this whole election season.

1. We need to remember that there is still the real election on November 4th.

2. Let us make sure the same or more voters turn out for the real thing.

3. Finally, when you ask whom you should vote for... look for old Charlie Baker.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Midterm elections need to be on youth's radar

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

For those of you wandering around the halls, you may have noticed the posters to get out there and vote.

On Nov. 4, 2014 the midterm elections will be held in Massachusetts.

Only one-third of those between the ages of 18 and 25 actually get out to the polls and vote.

That means two-thirds of our generation doesn't get their voices heard.

The biggest issue with this is that we are the faces of the future and to move forward and make sure our interests and needs as things change in the world today are addressed.

We've been grandfathered many issues ranging from environmental conflicts to massive student debt and everywhere in between.

To start creating real solutions to these problems, we must vote.

So far with my experience with MASSPIRG, the student-based activist group that is here on campus it has come to my attention to main reasons why students don't vote.

The first reason is that they don't know how, and the second is that they don't know what they are voting for.

As a voter's captain for the group, I encourage everyone on campus who is eligible to vote to do so.

Our campus has made it particularly easy for students to register; forms to register are provided in major department offices such as the Registrar office in Parenzo Hall.

They are also available around campus from MASSPIRG volunteers and interns.

In addition to providing the forms, each of these places will mail them to students (if you are not giving to a MASSPIRG member you may just need a stamp).

Once registered, students may go to Juniper Hill Elementary School located behind Ely to vote in elections. (Or any other Westfield public school will provide a voting booth when elections are held, depending on what is convenient for you.)

It is crucial that those who are of age to vote get out and vote!

On Nov. 4, questions on the ballots will concern gas taxes, environment, gambling, and labor.

Yes to Question 1 on the ballot will repeal the 2013 law, which automatically increased gas taxes.

Yes to Question 2 (which may be familiar to some of you on campus) would expand beverage container recycling to include all non-alcoholic containers.

Yes to Question 3 will repeal the 2011 law allowing resort casinos, an issue concerning the Springfield area.

Yes to question 4 will allow employees to earn and use paid sick days.

Next week, I will be writing about our state candidates and the policies they are committed to should they win the election. In the meantime, please register to vote and begin to educate yourself on current issues and how they will affect you.

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Comedian Eric O'Shea owns the night

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

On Saturday, Sept. 6, Eric O'Shea performed in the Scanlon Banquet Hall and received nonstop laughter and applause.

He is a gifted comedian who is able to use explicit content without being rude or repulsive.

O'Shea keeps the audience interested by incorporating them into his act and creating material on the spot.

Like many comedians, he pokes fun at certain races, but makes up for it by making fun of himself. For example, O'Shea performed a piece about Italians and mimicked their accent.

Some people may find this offensive, but the comedian diffused the tension by joking about himself afterward. He would draw attention to the fat under his arms, or talk about his butt by saying, "look how flat it is. It's like a cat's."

O'Shea presents his jokes in an exceptional way.

He has the ability to incorporate jokes including swears and sex into his act without coming off too offensive, mainly because he doesn't linger on these sorts of topics. Instead, he scatters them throughout his act.

In my opinion, this makes him stand out amongst most other comedians who spend half of their act describing their own sex life.

In addition, Eric always reels the audience back in after laughter or applause unlike others who sometimes separate themselves from their viewers. He comments on how people respond to his jokes and improvises based on that.

For example, at this past weekends show, he cracked a sex joke and in response to the audience he commented, "You all looked happy and shocked at the same time,"

He also sang his own rendition of Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" when an audience member got up to go to the bathroom.

The whole act was great, but his final bit was hilarious and easily the best part of the show.

Regardless of how good a comedian's core act is, the finale means everything because they definitely want to leave the audience laughing on their way out.

Eric achieved a great closing because he finished on a high note. By incorporating short musical snippets into his jokes, he was able to make it very entertaining. He talked about how he, "...can't stand the music for ads," and then used music to represent different ads. He used Lonestar's "I'm Already There" for pre-ejaculation and Josh Grohan's "You Raise Me Up" for Viagra.

Eric O'Shea was a lot of fun from beginning to end with his use of music, connection with the audience, ability to laugh at himself, and his not-so-rude, but explicit content.

If I were to rate this comedian on a scale from 1 to 10, he would definitely receive a 10 because he was extremely funny and his act was well thought out and executed.

I recommend anyone who hasn't seen one of his shows to try and see one!

UP AND COMING TALENT

Country artist Joel Crouse to perform at Big E

Andrew Morin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Joel Crouse, a twenty-two-year-old up and coming country singer and songwriter from Holland, Mass., just released his debut album "Even the River Runs" on August 19.

In an exclusive interview with The Westfield Voice, Crouse talked about his origin in music, his new album, and even offered some advice to those wishing to pursue a career in music.

Crouse moved to Nashville at the age of seventeen to with the aspiration of becoming a country artist.

Though he did not earn any sort of music degree, he networked himself with people in the South by landing gigs at small bars and restaurants until he signed with Show Dog-Universal Music in 2011.

From there, he began touring with artists such as Toby Keith and The Band Perry.

Crouse stated that his band has changed a bit since he first started performing. At 15, he created his first band, which he said was a bit "funny."

However, he said that as he built his way up in Nashville, he tried hard to "keep the same band and create a good vibe."

He also noted that his bass players started with him just a few months ago, his drummer has been with him for a little over a year and his guitarist has been with him for 3-4 years.

In regards to "Even the River Runs," Crouse says that his album really stands out.

Writing the album between the ages of 17 and 20, he said that the "songwriting is a little different" from most country albums.

He drew inspiration from country artists such as Keith Urban and the Zac Brown Band, but also used some classic rock artists as inspiration for the music.

Crouse also gave some advice for music students and anyone interested in pursuing any sort of a music career in pop culture.

He says, "Really learn what you can at school, but then migrate to a city where your genre of interest is evolving." Crouse also mentioned the importance networking and essentially getting to know the right people.

His career took off when he moved to Nashville and simply networked with the right crowd, so he based most of his advice off of these experiences.

As a twenty-two-year-old from Holland, Crouse noted that Westfield State University was very close to home.

He will be touring around Western Mass very soon as part of a 30-day tour around New England.

He thanks Westfield State and Massachusetts as a whole for helping him start his career and supporting him the whole way through.

The country singer encourages everyone to try and get out to his live shows, as he says that they are very "energetic and fun!"

Crouse's album "Even The River Runs" is available on iTunes and you can follow him on Twitter @JoelCrouse.

Upcoming tour dates in New England

September 11
Irving Plaza
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September 12
Blue Hills Bank Pavilion
Boston, Mass.

September 13
Meadowbrook Pavilion
Gilford, N.H.

September 14
The Big E
West Springfield, Mass.

October 16
Asylum
Portland, M.E.

October 17
Royale Boston
Boston, Mass.

October 18
Alumni Hall at
Fairfield University
Fairfield, Conn.

Mourning the loss of timeless comedian, Joan Rivers

Devin Bates
Voice Reporter

This past week, the world lost a long-standing pillar in modern comedy as lightning-rod comedian Joan Rivers passed away at age 81 after complications during surgery.

Rivers was a staple in a wide array of media platforms, and she set the bar for longevity among comedians with 12 books, over 20 films, and a multitude of successful TV shows.

For those familiar with Rivers, little would show that she was in declining health, as her appearance and relevance in the industry were still that of a comedian in their prime.

Rivers was born June 8, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in various neighborhoods in that area. Her hometown could easily be defined after hearing her rough, thick New York accent.

It is in those neighborhoods where she made a name for herself, performing at various comedy clubs while also taking lead and supporting roles in modestly successful plays.

It wasn't until her appearance on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson that Rivers began to shine in the spotlight, and in the late sixties, she became a household name that most recognize today.

Rivers and the Tonight Show had a falling out in the late eighties when Rivers launched her own late-night program.

However, in recent months with the help of new host Jimmy Fallon, Rivers was welcomed back and made a few appearances just months before her death.

Fallon tearfully recalled her return to the program on the show that aired the day of her passing, saying, "She came out, and she came over to me, and she started crying, and gave me a kiss... It was really emotional and really nice."

Fallon was one of many celebrities to share touching moments about Rivers but no statement was as touching as the one from Rivers' daughter, who said "Cooper and I have found ourselves humbled by the outpouring of love, support, and prayers we have received from around the world. They have been heard and appreciated.

My mother's greatest joy in life was to make people laugh. Although that is difficult to do right now, I know her final wish would be that we return to laughing soon."

Melissa was Rivers' only child. Rivers also leaves behind grandson Edgar Endicott, and numerous other family members. Along with the family Rivers has left behind, she also leaves a lifetime of work and achievements that will not be soon forgotten. Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 7, and Rivers will be buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Los Angeles.

Our Freaky Obsession

Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

Why does everyone seem so obsessed with the idea of freak shows?

They seem to be becoming the "new monster" of popular culture, just like wizards or vampires or zombies had their run in the course of culture. Not to say that I am any different - the taboo nature of the old shows has that kind of appeal of curiosity for me as well as anyone else - but it is hard to ignore the slight surge of freakiness.

A little history; in the mid-16th century, the first freak show act was born out of a set of conjoined twins in Genoa, Italy. During the mid-19th century, P.T. Barnum popularized the freak show and began to ingrain it into popular culture.

Although the freak show was a crowd-pleaser, the exhibition of human deformity began to seem distasteful to public audiences at the turn of the 20th century, and the freak show saw a decline in interest. Freak shows continue to exist today, as much more of a rarity than they were 200 years ago - but now the obsession has re-started in the media.

As all raving *American Horror Story* fans are aware of, the fourth season of the horror show will premier on Oct. 8th on FX, fulfilling the wishes that many fans have had since the show began: this season will revolve around the performers of a freak show.

Some of the colorful characters that have been mentioned include the Bearded Lady (Kathy Bates), the Three-Breasted Woman (Angela Bassett), and the Two-Headed Woman (Sarah Paulson), just to name a few.

The most basic plotline that writer Ryan Murphy has been willing to give away includes returning actress and Emmy award winner Jessica Lang, as a washed up German actress who is running one of the last freak shows in the country and hoping it will give her five final minutes of fame.

But this fourth season of *AHS* isn't the first to explore this freaky territory.

Last year, AMC broadcasted an extremely popular new show *Freakshow*, a show following a family that runs allegedly the "last real freak show" in the world. The show killed in ratings and just finished its second season.

In 2012, TLC premiered the show *Abby and Brittany*, which followed the lives of two conjoined twins. The show had people questioning its ethics from the start and did not do as well as the creators had anticipated, though audiences had a widespread fascination with the show.

In a slightly less-obvious way, the TLC show *My Strange Addiction* showcases the lives of people who do less-than-ordinary things, such as people who only enjoy stuffed animals as companions or people who eat toilet paper. This show may not have the word "freak" in the title, but the curiosity to watch others act outside of the norm is what has made the show so extremely popular.

And then, of course, there's our own Westfield State University. The Student Theater Association will be putting up their fall production of *Freakshow* by Carson Kreitzer from Dec. 4th through Dec. 6th. The play will intimately show the inner workings of a failing sideshow act, portraying a gritty and frigbtening world of confusion and desperation for the unusual performers.

Based on the title alone, I know I'm going.

From the re-popularization of real sideshow acts, to television portrayals, to local production right here on campus, the freak show seems to be taking over.

And I wouldn't say that's a bad thing. This sideshow presence in pop culture may make us all remember to embrace and celebrate our differences, and to revel in the fact that in some way, we are all freaks.

So whether it be tuning in on Oct. 8th to watch *American Horror Story: Freakshow*, or seeing *Freakshow* right here at Westfield Dec. 4th-6th, make sure to let your freak flag fly.

KNOWING TO COOK

Benefits of the Home Garden

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

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Many years ago, before my passion for food truly developed, a vegetable garden sat in the backyard of my family home in Franklin. It was a modest sized garden and from it we harvested a bounty of wonderful vegetables: carrots, tomatoes, onions, zucchini, celery, pumpkins, squash, etc. Unfortunately, due to time constraints and busy schedules, our lovely backyard garden was soon overcome by weeds, insects, and squirrels.

Eventually, we came to the conclusion that, due to our schedules, the garden was no longer worth keeping. The area in the backyard where the garden once lay is now the thickest section of the back lawn, a section my lawnmower fears.

Home gardens are wonderful. They yield fresh vegetables and add a lovely charm to your property. Like most home improvements, the idea and design of the home garden is often met with great enthusiasm. However, when the work begins is the time which separates the true gardeners from the imposters. I was one such imposter.

Granted, I was ten years old at the time, but that is beside the point. Since the schedules of both my parents revolved around work and my sibling's sporting events, it was up to me to maintain the garden. Weeding, as you can imagine, was not my favorite chore. There is very little shade in my backyard during the afternoon, and that was the time of day when the garden work needed to be done. So at ten years old, sweating and annoyed, I would pluck out maybe twenty weeds, pretend to pluck more, and then rush back inside to cool down.

I was not fond of manual labor as a child. As a matter of fact, I'm still not fond of it; however, I have grown to realize that the cliché of hard work rings true: it builds character. Needless to say, despite years of constant lecturing from my father, I never quite appreciated or understood the hard work and effort that goes into maintaining a home until I was much older.

The benefits of maintaining a home garden are very rewarding. You are greeted week after week with loads of delicious vegetables that you can use in a multitude of different recipes: ratatouille, pasta, soups and stews, etc. A favorite dish of mine, the recipe for which is included, is ratatouille. Ratatouille is a traditional French country dish, originating in the city of Nice, which sits on the Mediterranean coast in the south of France. The dish is comprised of vegetables, mainly tomatoes, garlic, onion, courgette, bell pepper, and subergine. Ratatouille has become a staple in my household, though we no longer use homegrown vegetables to make it.

The key to keeping a great home garden is maintenance and care. Plants are living beings and will die if they are not properly cared for. Therefore, it is essential that you are consistent with watering and pruning. You do not need to sing to your vegetables or play them music to help them grow, though you are certainly welcome to. Just remember that it is important to treat your garden with the care and respect it deserves. It is providing you with fresh food after all.

I have a vision in my head of what I want my home garden to look like when I own property. It is a rather grand vision and one that I enjoy greatly. I imagine rows of vegetables popping out of the ground, fresh tomatoes hanging off their vines, large pumpkins and squash in the fall, and blooming potato plants in the summer.

I imagine the smell of the herbs wafting through the air and the hum of bees feeding off the nectar of wild flowers. I imagine sitting on a brick patio during a summer evening, admiring the yard and enjoying a glass of iced tea. It is a grand vision, but I can foresee it becoming a reality. This vision will require hard work, but I have no doubt in my mind that the meals that will come as a result of it will be amazing.

As I've stated multiple times, almost to the point of annoyance, the fresher your ingredients, the better the meal will be. While I understand that most of you do not fall asleep and dream about what your backyard garden might look like one day, I do hope that you can at least understand the importance and value of keeping a garden.

Those I know who keep gardens are always telling me of how rewarding and satisfying it is to bring in the harvest and serve it for the people they love.

Enjoy this recipe for ratatouille!!

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

RATATOUILLE

Ingredients:

2 large eggplants, chopped into cubes and peeled if desired

2 red or yellow onions, roughly chopped

3-4 cloves of garlic, minced

3-4 large tomatoes, chopped

3 zucchini, chopped

Olive Oil

Liquid Aminos (if desired, not required)

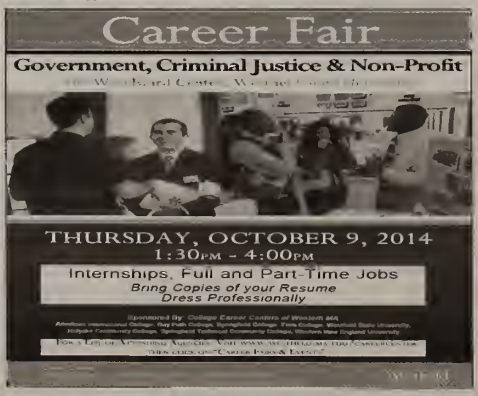
Salt & Pepper

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Combine all vegetables in a roasting tray or Dutch Oven.

Note: Some recipes advise that the vegetables be cooked separately, you may do so if you wish but in this recipe they are all cooked together.

3. Drizzle the vegetables with a good amount of olive oil, roughly between 1 ½ - 2 tablespoons.
4. OPTIONAL: spritz the vegetables lightly with liquid aminos.
5. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Cover the roasting tray with tin foil and bake in the oven for 45 minutes.
7. Serve with rice or as a side to meat dishes.



owls athletics

5th ranked Williams tops Westfield at Alumni Field

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WSU Athletic Department

Mark Sisco-Tolomeo and Zach Grady each scored a pair of goals to lead nationally fifth-ranked Williams to a 4-0 win over Westfield State University in a non-conference men's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday.

Westfield held tough defensively in the first half. While the Ephmen had the hetter of play for the half, Weatfield yielded just a single goal, when Sisco-Tolomeo tallied after crisp passes from Chris Conder and Luke Pierce.

The floodgates opened 15 minutes into the second half, as Williams's Grady scored on header off of a cross from Luke Pierce. Grady added a tally just four minutes later, and Sisco-Tolomeo added his second of the game 18 seconds after that to provide the final margin.

Williams held a 25-1 advantage in shots, an 8-1 edge in shots on goal and a 10-1 margin in corner kicks.

Westfield's Keith Hevey made four saves. Christian Alcorn started in goal for Williams and did not face a shot on goal in 80 minutes of play. Andrew Bravo played the final 10 minutes for the Ephmen and made one save.

Westfield falls to 1-2-1 on the season, while Williams improves to 2-0 on the year. Westfield will next host Springfield College at noon on Saturday.

Owls XC Wins Trinity Bantam Invitational

WSU Athletic Department

Mike Skelly (North Middlesex/ Pepperell, Mass.) and Zak Gross (Monument Mountain/Pittsfield, Mass.) placed in the top ten to lead the Westfield State University men's cross country team to the title at the Trinity Bantam XC invitational at Wickham Park on Saturday morning.

Skelly placed sixth overall with a time of 17:31 on the 5k course. Gross followed in 10th place in 17:49, and Derik Noland (Silver Lake/ Kingston, Mass.) finished 11th in 17:55.

Westfield and Connecticut College each posted 58 team points. The tie was broken by the team's respective sixtb place finished. Westfield's Steven Connolly (Weymouth/North Weymouth, Mass.) placed 18th, and ahead of the Camels' sixth runner to give the Owls the team title.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, September 5th
VBall vs. Stevens Institute of Tech. L 3-0
VBall vs. River University L 3-0
Football vs Nichols College W 30-22
W Soccer at Springfield College L 1-6

Saturday, September 6th
M/W XC at Trinity College Invite
M - 1st Place/W - 2nd Place
Field Hockey vs WNEU W 5-0
W Soccer vs. St. Lawrence University L 2-6
W VBall vs. Johnson & Wales University L 1-3

Tuesday, September 9th
M Soccer vs. Williams College L 0-4

Wednesday, September 10th
W VBall at Elms College
W Soccer at Trinity College

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, September 12th
W VBall at Trinity College 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 13th
M/W XC at Eastern Connecticut Invite 11:00 a.m.
Field Hockey at Eastern Connecticut 12:00 p.m.
M Soccer vs. Springfield College 12:00 p.m.
W Soccer at Eastern Connecticut 1:00 p.m.
Football at WNEU 1:00 p.m.
W VBall vs. WPI 1:00 p.m. (Played in Hartford, CT)
W VBall vs. Eastern Connecticut 3:00 p.m. (Played in Hartford, CT)

Tuesday, September 16th
W VBall at Bridgewater State 6:00 p.m.
Field Hockey at Endicott College 7:00 p.m.
M Soccer vs. Trinity College 7:00 p.m.

Football starts season with close win over Nichols

Nic Odell
Voice Columnist

Pete Kowalski notched his first win as head coach of the Westfield State football team Friday night as the Owls won 30-22 in the season opener against Nichols College.

It was a hack and forth game from start to finish, with Westfield State leading hy only one point entering the final quarter.

Junior quarterback Erik Washhurn threw an 8 yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Colin Smith to seal the deal with 9:14 left in the fourth quarter.

Senior running back Mike Mercadante had a great season opener for the Owls, rushing for 196 yards on 30 carries with two touchdowns.

He started with a 10 yard run in the second quarter to finish off a 5-minute, 9 play, 75 yard drive, giving the Owls a 17-14 lead. Mercadante hroke for a 59-yard rush with 38 seconds left in the 3rd quarter to give the Owls the lead for good.

Kowalski swapped quarterbacks throughout the game between senior Steve Guercio and the Washburn. Guercio completed 6 of 11 passes for 78 yards while Washburn completed 6 of 7 passes for 80 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Junior wide receiver Bohby Boire also had a big game for the Owls, catching 5 passes for 100 yards.

Nichols College came into the game with a confident attitude after winning against Westfield on the road last year.

Their offense was handled primarily hy their junior quarterback, Quillian Respass.

He completed 8 of 23 passes for 104 yards and a touchdown, and also ran 20 times for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Westfield opened the scoring with a 29 yard field goal by sophomore placekicker Michael Orellana that made it 3-0.

Nichols answered with 6 yard touchdown run hy Respass that made it 7-3. After sophomore running back Ryan Wilder ran 17 yards for a touchdown that made it 10-7 Owls, on the ensuing kickoff, Nichols' Grant Klimek returned the kick 96 yards for a touchdown that made it 14-10 Nichola.

Mercadante got on the hoard with a 10 yard scoring run to put the Owls up 17-14, hut Respass threw a 22-yard strike to Tyrell Todd for a score, putting them up 22-17 after a two-point conversion. Mercadante hroke for a 50-yard rush with 38 seconds left in the 3rd quarter to give the Owls the lead for good.

Respass and the Nichols offense had one last try at the end of the game, but failed to execute, and turned over the ball on downs.

The Owls' next game is Saturday, Septemher 13, when they visit rival Western New England University.

Student Government Association

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Triller!: Is Kenny Hill Poised to Replace Johnny Football?

Kenny Hill has taken over for Heisman winner Johnny Monziel at A&M. His first start against South Corolina was record setting

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

Johnny Foothall will forever be remembered as one of the greatest college football players of all time. His effectiveness, athleticism, and even his boisterous attitude have made it hard not to appreciate the insurmountable skill and talent he showed during his time as an Aggie. Texas A&M and college football will never be the same without him. However, Aggies fans migbt not have to worry. Or at least that's what they think.

Kenny Hill, a sophomore quarterback and former backup to Johnny Manziel, amassed 511 passing yards and three TDs for the Aggies in a 52-28 blowout over the Gamecocks, breaking South Carolina's 18-game home win streak. But don't let the stats fool you. The Aggies ran 100 total plays against the Gamecocks, as compared to 65 run by South Carolina. If you ask me, it would be pretty bard not to get at least 400 yards in the air when you reach the triple digits in plays, especially considering the Aggies rely beavily on their passing game (the Aggies amassed only 169 yards on the ground).

It's also important to note that last season, the Gamecocks allowed only 196.2 yards in the air, putting them among the top teams in the country in pass defense (especially considering they had over 250 yards in the air last year under Connor Shaw). Granted, the departure of Jadeveon Clowney might have hurt the Gamecocks' defense since. The Aggies also held possession for twice as long as the Gamecocks (37:38 to 22:22).

From this, we can only guarantee two things: Steve Spurrier was completely unprepared for this game, and Kevin Sumlin knows how to run a Hurry Up, No Huddle offense. And even then, we can only imagine that more teams will adopt the HUNH offense, which could mean the Aggies will have fewer opportunities, especially against other SEC powerhouses such as Auburn and Alabama.

But let's remember, it's only been ONE game against a worthy opponent. Sure, the Gamecocks were ranked 9th in the country, but that doesn't prove that Kenny Hill will have a Heisman year for the Aggies. He could lead the Aggies to a college playoff run and potentially a BCS Title, too. But like I said, it's only been ONE game against a worthy opponent. If you ask me, it's too soon to count all your cards before you deal the set. Hill has at the very least two more years of eligibility after this. Like Manziel, he's young and he has plenty of time to show off his skills or fade into the wind. But we can't know for sure until we've seen him play.

Hill performed as everyone thought he would against Lamar in his limited action. He finished the game with 283 yards on 17/26 passing with four touchdowns in the commanding 73-3 win. Texas A&M now sits at #9 in the current AP poll and are as unpredictable and any other team this season. It is almost impossible to predict how they will finish the season after two games in 2014.

Hill and the Aggies play tbeir next game against Rica on September 13 at 9:00 PM in College Station. The game will be broadcast on ESPN 2.

State of the NFL Address

The state of the NFL has been an inclining and declining slope since the Seattle Seahawks won Super Bowl XLVIII on Feb. 2. Headlines include suspensions for drug use, Ray Rice, Seahawks repeat, and the ever-popular fantasy drafts.

Negative and interesting stories are always the first reported and given the most airtime. Twenty players have been suspended for drug use this season; all before the first regular season game was even played. Robert Mathis, Fred Davis, Wes Welker, Aldon Smith, Josh Gordon, Dwayne Bowe and even kicker Matt Prater have all been suspended from tbeir respective teams.

Fans and media alike wonder what the inner circle of the NFL holds secret. Tbe most powerful sports brand in the world has its own team of lawyers, investigators, media, and is only getting richer.

Television and Internet streaming deals have reached unimaginable heights and the Super Bowl is nothing short of a national holiday on par with Tbanksgiving and Independenca Day.

The only thing that can bring down the NFL is the NFL itself. Slowly that is the direction that the league seems to be taking. And the NFL is not the only league with problems like this.

NBA official Tim Donaghy was found guilty of betting on games that he refereed in 2007 that gave speculation to the possibility of a fixed league. More recently however, two franchises have had news of open racism exposed from the authority figures within them.

Donald Sterling was given a lifetime ban and forced to sell the Los Angeles Clippers after a recording of him saying that he did not want his girlfriend to bring Magic Johnson to his games and delete pictures of her with him.

Atlanta Hawks GM Danny Ferry made comments in a conference call about Luol Deng, "bas a little African in him. Not in a bad way, but he's like a guy who would have a nice store out front but sell you counterfeit stuff out of the back."

Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

Ray Rice has been the story over the past few months in the NFL after a video originally surfaced of him dragging his unconscious wife out of an elevator.

He was suspended for two games by commissioner Roger Goodell who subsequently came under fire for a punishment that was seen by many as too lenient. Goodell then created a new standard for domestic violence with a first offense being a six game suspension and a second offense imposing a lifetime ban.

The video of Rice physically attacking his wife surfaced this week and led to Rice's contract termination and an indefinite ban from football.

Tbe public relations for the NFL is working overtime these past few weeks. It is also important to remember what is important in this situation. Many people will think about how their fantasy roster will be hurt or they can't use Rice in Madden anymore, but these are real people who made choices based on a lifestyle that they are exposed to.

Professional athletes and owners are often out of touch with standard lifestyle situations.

They sometimes think they are above the law or can pay off any problems they may encounter and the way that they conduct themselves must be corrected in order to give sports a sense of integrity again.

Negative headlines always receive the most airtime, but one story that has not been given the same attention is the case of Cincinnati Bengal's Devon Still.

His four-year-old daughter is currently fighting Stage 4 pediatric cancer and the Bengals signed him to the practice squad after the preseason in order to help him pay his daughter's medical bills. He was recently signed off of the practice squad and onto the 53-man roster.

Late on Monday, Sept. 8, the Bengals announced that all revenue from Still's jersey sales would go to pediatric cancer researcb. Less than 24 hours later, more Devon Still jerseys had been sold than any player in Bengals history ever.

Maybe there is some hope for integrity left in professional sports, but tbe important thing to remember is that people are not role models because they are rich, famous, and good at sports. The role model gene develops as a child. It develops in those who are genuinely good hearted, not simply because they are told to be.

horoscopes

Aries
(March 21 – April 20):
You will be taking a trip this week when you fall down the stairs. Avoid friends who live on the fourth floor.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Avoid Cancers and Pisces this week. There will be some bad juju between these signs.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
You need a new exciting surprise in your life. Try eating the DC food this week and stock up on toilet paper.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
The stars are sending bad medical fortune your way. Avoid any and all doctors for the week!

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Your poor self-esteem will skyrocket this week. This newfound confidence is not appropriate. Consider your lack of achievements and take it down a notch.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
An amazing strike of fortune is on the horizon for your arch nemesis.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
A substantial demotion is headed your way at work! The stars advise that you cancel your order for the classy Gucci handbag on Amazon.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Good news for you this week, Scorpio. Keep your eyes on the prize and keep working hard and rewards will soon come your way.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
The stars see through your attempt to hide your bad habits. I would suggest you kick them, but we all know you do not possess the moral fiber to do so.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Stay away from apple trees.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Avoid fraternizing with all Libras who have been recently diagnosed with Bird Flu.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
A new passionate love interest will be entering your life this week. She will merely want you for your money, but do you really care?

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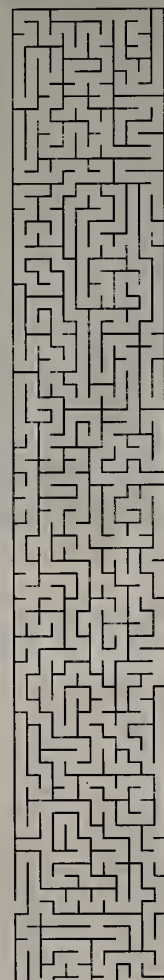

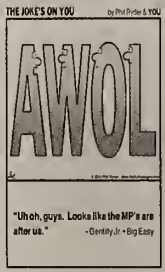

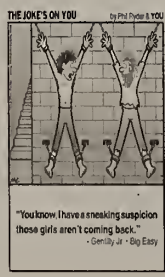

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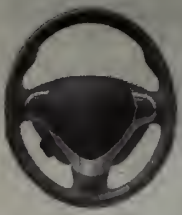

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9/13	8 pm	The Compleat Works Of William Shakespeare	Ely Studio Theatre
9/16	8 am	Flags And More... by Des Anderson	Campus Green
9/16	10 am	C&S Wholesale Job Recruitment	Ely Lobby
9/16	4-6 pm	Career Chat	Davis Hall
9/16	5 pm	Presentation From Study Abroad/Short Term Courses	Scanlon Banquet Hall
9/16	6 pm	DJ Interest Meeting—WSKB	3rd Floor, Ely
9/16	7 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Trinity	Alumni Field
9/16	7 pm	Christian Fellowship	Interfaith Center
9/16	8:30 pm	WHIP Comedy Improv Interest Meeting	Ely Club Room
9/17		Pandini's Pizza Day	Pandini's
9/17	8 am	Gideon's Bible Handouts	Ely Lobby
9/17	12:30 pm	Faculty Recital	Dever Stage
9/17	8 am	Time Management and Homework Planning	Banacos Center
9/17	8 am	Open House—Graduate Psychology/Applied Behavior	Horace Mann, G Level
9/18	4 pm	Rugby—All Are Welcome	Stanley Park
9/18	5 pm	Plato Redecovered	Ely Lobby
9/19	4 pm	Yoga For Relaxation	Wellness Center
9/20	12 pm	Field Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth	Alumni Field
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Damaged smoking gazebos discussed by Legislature at the second meeting of the Student Government

(left and middle) Vandalism and graffiti can be found at the smoking gazebo by the Ely Campus Center. (right) The vandalism has been extended to the adirondack chairs that can be found by University Hall.

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association held a quick and efficient meeting this past Tuesday afternoon.

With new class representatives being sworn into the council this week, the SGA is still two weeks away from acquiring new first-year and hall representatives to fill the large void of empty chairs.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, announced that the third annual Leadership Voyage trip will be held on Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. at Camp Chimney Corners in Becket, Mass. Student Activities runs the retreat, which lasts the weekend and helps students grow as leaders by developing new skills while they work with their peers.

DiVico went on to say that there is a limit of how many students can join, so those who have done the retreat twice should not sign up to let other students go instead.

After the madam president was finished, Joshua Frank, student trustee, claimed the podium to give his report. Frank said that the hoard of trustees has filled one of their vacancies with Boh Johnson, who is the former CEO and president of the Special Olympics of Massachusetts. Johnson is also an alumnus of Westfield State.

Frank said he worked with him before on the Westfield State Foundation, where he was the chair until July 2013. "He is a really great person and cares a lot about the student body," Frank said.

Sara Palis, representative of the class of 2015, gave her All-University Committee report after Frank. She said the committee met for their second meeting with a simple agenda. The curriculum subcommittee sent a request to AUC about looking at certain core classes for review, she said. The last request, Palis said, was asking AUC to review the actual usage of final exam times.

Palis closed by reminding the SGA that all documents, the upcoming meeting agenda, and minutes associated with AUC can be found at http://governance-committees.westfield.ma.edu. AUC's next meeting is at Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parenzo Boardroom.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, informed all that Fr. Dean is no longer celebrating mass as chaplain on Sundays, even though he is still around campus. He said that Fr. Warren J. Savage would celebrate Mass every Sunday as the new chaplain.

Clark moved on and said that students are having concerns about the shuttle service on campus in the morning. "Some students," he said, "are doing observation hours and doing student teaching in the spring and require rides from their residence halls to South Lot."

He said that Public Safety is currently not running any of their shuttles any earlier than 3 p.m. "If you need to he picked up at your residence hall in the morning you can call Public Safety a little hit before you need to go and they will come get you," Clark said.

If a problem arises, he said, call Captain Michael Foyle in the morning so he can follow up with those on duty.

The last topic Clark brougbt up in the meeting dealt with the two smoking gazebos. Clark said that the gazebos are being vandalized and are a graffiti hot spot. He said, "We need to remember that these gazebos were built at a cost of $40,000."

Clark also added, "This is a very important issue for me because once those gazebos are in a condition such that they need to be taken down, they will not he replaced. I don't want to see smokers go on Western Avenue and have to stand on the side of the road and risk their life that way."

He said the whole reason of having the gazebos was to keep smokers away from the street and called on the SGA to talk to their constituencies about this issue.

After Clark, Justin Connolly gave the Community Relations and Fundraising report. He announced that Run Stanley 5k race would he held on Oct. 19. He encouraged everyone to check the Facebook and Twitter pages for the race for information before the flyers come out.

Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, said the Big E event was a great success and that over 90 students attended. She said she hopes that it will be an annual trip in the upcoming years.

Mathew Carlin, vice president of finance, said the Club Fair was a great success. Carlin pleasantly sur-

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Government Club Fair considered a success by many; Club sign ups increase

Sarah Hladik
Voice Reporter

With over fifty clubs ranging from intramural sports, to the Step Team, to the Dance Company, to the WSKB radio station, this year's club fair illustrated the various ways students can get involved on campus and meet other students with similar interests.

At the fair, which was hosted in the Ely Campus Center on Sept. 11, students excitedly explored the numerous booths within and found interesting clubs that either satisfied their interests or sparked new ones. This year's club fair did not disappoint, as it efficiently illuminated the clubs and organizations this school offers.

Presidents or leaders of each club stood at the booths, providing useful information about their club and sharing their own fun experiences.

The food, flyers, and other fun giveaways, along with positive attitudes encouraged students to check out different clubs.

The amount of diversity within the types of clubs that Westfield offers allows all students to feel a sense of belonging to the school.

The numerous academic clubs and intramural sports, as well as the art, music, and religious clubs give students many options to get involved and also feel more at home at Westfield State.

Matthew Carlin, SGA vice president of finance, had a lot to say about the fair.

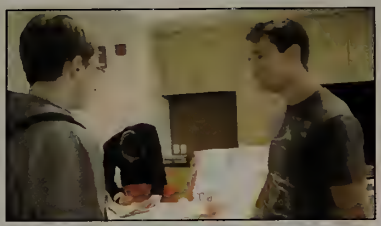
"There was a high volume of students who showed interest," said Carlin, "The clubs filled pages of interest forms."

Carlin also stated that this year's fair had one of the highest numbers of student interests in a single club, totaling at 88.

"From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., you could barely walk through the garden level of Ely," explained Carlin.

During the announcements portion of Tuesday's Student Government meeting, Joshua Clark, vice president of student life and co-chair of the Student Organizational Council with Carlin, inspired a round of applause in appreciation of his counterpart and the success of the fair.

The club fair gave students the opportunity to meet other students and faculty, learn about what this school has to offer, and to get involved in activities that interest them and share their ideals.



(top) Dan Powers (right) talks to a student about MASSPIRG. (bottom) CAB president Shannon Cullinane, event coordinator Danny Chamberlain, secretary Tara Saraf nan their table at the club fair.

SGA - *from the front page*

prised the room when he reported seeing a record high of 88 interested students for the Fencing Club.

He received a round of applause from the Executive Board and the Senate for helping to create the success of the Club Fair.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, announced that a total of 12 candidates are running for the SGA council. The elections will take place Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. and will end on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 11:59 p.m. on My-Westfield.

He encourages all first-year students to represent their class in the SGA.

Rich Darrach, president of the class of 2015, motioned to appoint Victoria Landry and Jonathan Terlaga as representatives of the class of 2015. Both motions passed.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, motioned to appoint Emily McKinley as a representative of the class of 2016, which passed unanimously.

At the end of the meeting, new business was opened so that Victoria Landry could give the Neighborhood Advisory Board report to the SGA.

She said that the board's first meeting informed neighbors of distractions that might be caused by the construction of the new science building near Wilson Hall.

Traffic on the roads will be a distraction for the neighbors during the annex groundbreaking, she said.

After Landry was done, new business was closed and the 28-minute meeting concluded.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Professor Elizabeth Chilton will have the opportunity of a lifetime this week when she travels overseas to Madrid and Paris to give talks on heritage studies. She will also be speaking about her recent proposal for a Masters program of heritage studies at UMass Amherst. She will be travelling from Sept. 15-21.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Former student Bobby Davis' case against Syracuse University head men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim has reached New York's highest court. Davis and his attorneys had their day in court for oral arguments a few days ago. The trial is still in progress.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Harvard College Police arrested a 28 year-old homeless man this past Tuesday at around one in the morning. Keith Johns was taken into custody after allegedly throwing a cell phone at a group of passing people in Harvard Square, hitting one. He was apparently taunting and intimidating them.

news from clubs and orgs

the westfield voice

The newspaper is expanding! We are looking for an online managing editor and a sports editor. Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, is the editor-in-chief of a magazine entitled Port Folio. If you would like to help with the magazine, send emails to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

A Student's Best Friend! Another succesful Pet Therapy held last Tuesday by Lammers Hall

From left to right, James Sandman, Melanie Russo, and Semper Fi (dog) enjoy the green during Pet Therapy.

Arianna Tuttle and Ice the therapy dog bond at Pet Therapy last Tuesday.

Robert Richards
Voice Reporter

The spirits are high and the energy of a new school season is upon us. The beginning of the semester would not be complete without a visit from the therapy dogs, every student's best friends!

These amazing dogs ease stress from a long day or from a dreaded future exam. One would think that they had super powers!

Maybe they do have super powers, but in a more realistic sense of helping, loving, and charming the hidden concerns that people don't show.

It's this unseen relationship that people love about dogs, and has been transcribed throughcut many amazing stories in human history.

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014 the loving dogs came back to welcome many old faces and some new friends.

It was a pleasant time out on the campus green, with many students gathered around a dog or two.

One student said, "I want to take this dog home." It was a happy time and the dogs were doing a great job spreading joy!

The older dog, Semper Fi, made a return, which made Melanie Russo and James Sandman very glad.

The students spent most of their time with Semper Fi, who did not mind. Arianna Tuttle and Ice, the dog, were connecting too. It was a special moment for both of them.

Frangelica the dog went around saying hi to everyone. I found her to be one of the most loving dogs of the afternoon.

Ben Littlefield was petting Maggie, a bigger dog, on the belly, which drew the attention of another student who joined in.

A few barking puppies came to the campus green and immediately got the attention of everyone. One student said, "I love these dogs!"

The dog therapy ended with some of the dogs playing with a tennis ball. A few students threw the ball and the dogs would run after it.

It was a perfect peaceful time. Student's best friend made a lasting impression; the loving heroes will return again, and many students are looking forward to it!

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Former Special Olympics president Robert Johnson joins Westfield State University Board of Trustees

From news release

Westfield State University President Elizabeth H. Preston announced today that Robert Johnson has been named as the newest member of the Westfield State University Board of Trustees. He will be sworn in on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Johnson earned his B.S. and M.Ed. from Westfield State University in elementary education, and special education administration respectively.

"I owe my career to Westfield State and would like to give back." Johnson said. "I look forward to serving the Board, the students, and the community of Westfield state University."

As the former President and CEO of Special Olympics Massachusetts Inc., Johnson established an entrepreneurial approach to fundraising that funded the programs for the organization for nearly 23 years at an estimated total of $75 million. He managed a capital campaign to raise $12 million to build a state-of-the-art of training center, the Yawkey Sports Training Center in Marlborough Mass. In March 2013, The Robert A. Johnson Center for Integrity was dedicated at the Yawkey Sports Training Center in his honor. He also developed a strategic affiliation with the University of Massachusetts Medical School designed to improve the quality and availability of health-care for people with intellectual disabilities. He retired from the organization in 2013.

"Bob Johnson represents the best in public service," said Elizabeth H. Preston, president, Westfield State University. "He led the Special Olympics with integrity and vision and his longstanding history with both public and nonprofit institutions will provide immeasurable value to the work of the Board."

Prior to his position at the Special Olympics, Johnson served as the director of the Bureau of Program Audit and Assistance at the Massachusetts Department of Education, and in educational and supervisory roles in the Hampshire Regional School District, Northampton Public Schools, and Belchertown State School.

A longtime advocate for special education, Johnson pioneered the use of micro-computers in the management of special education student records in 1979. He established school-based development strategies entitled "Computer Generated Program Designs" for children with autism, severe learning disabilities, and severe head injuries that resulted in approximately 40 community-based programs in the state.

Robert Johnson at the 2010 Graduate Commencement at Westfield State.

Johnson's community service efforts include current president of the Foundation for Medical Device Careers Inc. and previous positions as president of the Massachusetts Association of Administrators of Special Education, member of the United States Leadership Council (USLC), and chairperson of the Hampshire Education Collaborative Special Education Steering Committee. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Westfield State in 2010 and served on the Board of Directors for the Westfield State University Foundation, Inc. from October 2010 until July 2013, chairing the Board for 2012/2013.

Johnson's first official Board of Trustees meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

from the voice vault

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Field Hockey Team In Transition Season

By Gary Trask

The 1990 Westfield State field hockey team is in a transition year but still plans to remain competitive in the Mass. State Conference and beyond.

There are six starters missing from last year's 8-6 team. The team has no seniors and eight freshmen on the roster, to go along with a first-year head coach. Although this may sound like the team is in for a long season, the Lady Owls have played well in their first three games, compiling a record of 1-2 that has surprised head coach Jim Ayotte.

Junior Marci Olson

"We've played well considering what we've had to go through, Ayotte said, "But we still have a lot of work to do."

One player who has not been affected by all the changes is junior Heather Cabral. Despite a nagging shin splint injury, the first team all conference performer from last year has recorded two goals and one assist in the first three games.

"She's amazing," Ayotte said, "She's been hurting but she is the type of player who won't come out unless I force her to."

Also aiding the team's offense has been sophomore Michelle Downing, who has scored a goal and assist in the opening games.

Ayotte admits that working with the large number of freshmen on the roster has been difficult for a first year coach, but so far the freeshmen have responded to playing on the college level.

"Its tough to coach girls who are new and have old habits from high school, especially because we didn't have a long preseason," he said, "But I have had a few surprises from the new girls and it's been a great help."

One of the freshmen who has played well is Kerry Murphy, an all-star player at Holliston High School. Ayotte said that "in one day of practice she outshined everyone." Also, freshman Kathy Winchester, a Gloucester High all star last year, has played well thus far.

Two players that have surprised Ayotte are sophomores Karen Colantuonio and Kerry MacIssac. "They have both improved two hundred percent from last year," he said.

Returning in goal for the team is sophomore Michelle Finnie, who last year shared the time between the pipes with fellow sophomore May Storrs. In 15 games last season, the pair allowed only 13 goals and compiled a combined record of 5-4, Finnie has gotten most of the playing time so far this year.

"Michelle has played great so far," Ayotte said, "I hope she can keep it up."

Completing the list of the 11 returning players, all of whom saw extensive action last year, are juniors Leah Prescott, Andrea Campbell and Marci Olson, and sophomore Nicole Leroux.

As his team entered the annual Elms Tournament this past weekend, Ayotte felt that his team may not win every game of the season, but will show up and play well.

"We have too many hard working girls to let any team totally dominate us," he said, "If anybody does beat us, they are going to have to take it from us."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sophomore linebacker Steve LaFond is this week's Athlete of the Week. Steve's outstanding play was the key to the team's first victory last week against Fitchburg. (See story Page 6)

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Coffeehouse returns with a variety for everyone

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

The first coffeehouse of the semester kicked off Wednesday February 6 at 8p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. Hosted by Scott Toomey, one could catch a variety of performers throughout the evening.

For the first performance of the night, Shirts Off In Advance made their long awaited return to the WSC's coffeehouse. Featuring Joe Skahan on bass and vocals, Rory Bellows on drums, Greg Marsh on guitar and vocals and Matt Tetreault on vocals and guitar.

When asked about their return performance, Skahan said, "We've had a lot of fun. We haven't played together for awhile, but we did really well."

For the next act of the night, Monty Geer entertained the crowd with his amusing original songs that got the crowd laughing hysterically.

Dave Lucander and Brian Vermouth performed a spoken word that the audience enjoyed. They had performed at WSKB's benefit concert Saturday and thanked anyone who appeared at the concert.

When asked about their performance, Vermouth said, "We did good. The coffeehouses are enjoyable and we possibly have a CD on Gladiator Records coming out soon and we're excited about that. Also, go to Jester's Café on Monday nights for open mic, it's a good show."

When audience member Adair Webb was asked what she thought of the coffeehouse, she said, "It's fun and it gives entertainment for students who need a break."

The lounge was packed as the Elements Crew entertained the audience with their skills and everyone enjoyed their set.

Host Scott Toomey made a special announcement during the night about Spring Weekend and said that Run-DMC will be the headlining band of the weekend.

Dan Harren and Matty Benoit collaborated during their set and performed covers of Incubus' "Pardon Me," and "I Miss You," Dispatch's "Out Loud," Third Eye Blind's "Semi-Charmed Life" and Bush's "Glycerine".

When asked about their performance, Harren said, "We got the crowd going and it's always a good time. This was Matty's first time singing and he wants to do this again."

Jon Morgan performed some of his own songs and then collaborated with Nate Sigman and Jon Berman on covers of Dave Matthews' "#41" and Sublime's "What I Got."

When asked about his overall performance, Morgan said, "I haven't played solo in awhile because I usually play with my band, so I was a bit nervous. Nate and Jon helped me out with a few songs and that relaxed me."

Nate Sigman and Jon Berman performed together playing some cover songs and some of Sigman's own songs.

When asked about their set, Sigman said, "I think we played really well, an overall good performance. I enjoyed this coffeehouse a lot, it was very low key."

When asked her feelings on the coffeehouse, audience member Lis Collins said, "I thought there was a great variety of music especially compared to the last coffeehouse."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Martin Lee breakdancing at last week's coffeehouse.

Mike Aroyo and a friend joined together and played a few guitar instrumentals. Ending the night was Brian Townsend playing some cover songs on his guitar.

"I was very disappointed that all the members of Shirts Off In Advance didn't all take off their shirts," said Vice President of Programming, Angela LaPierre on the night's performances.

LaPierre also said, "The breakdancers continue to amaze me and their act brought more people to the coffeehouse. Monty's set and Dave and Brian's set were a good change of pace from the usual bands and acoustic performances. The night went quite smoothly and everyone had a good time."

When asked about the announcement for Spring Weekend, LaPierre said, " I'm pumped that Reverend Run can make it and it's good we know who the headlining band is so people know who they're paying to see."

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

"...the privilege of electing public officials is not only a right but also a responsibility"

Louis Katz
Voice Columnist

Upon reading the Sept. 12 edition of The Westfield Voice, I came to the conclusion that the section entitled "The Liberal View", written by Erika Hayden, stresses the need for everyone to exercise their right to vote. Matthew Carlin, in "The Conservative View", focused more on the results of the election.

When comparing these two articles, I see a small-scale model of a major theme, which is plaguing our country. Quite simply, Republicans want to restrict people's right to vote. Whether Carlin intentionally illustrated this theme or not is not the point of my argument.

With the repeal of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Republicans praised the courts that will now treat each state equally, by letting all states decide on the model in which their elections shall follow.

Previously under the Voting Rights Act, specifically in Section 5, laws applying to changes in practice or procedures that affect voting in certain states had to be approved by the Department of Justice.

These states included Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. The reason for the inclusion of these specific states relates to prior practices of restricting voting rights of people of color.

The detrimental consequences of the repeal of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 can be summarized as such: the states, which were required by Section 5 to get approval by the Department of Justice to change voting laws, are already passing provisions that restrict the right to vote.

Examples of such provision include requiring voters to show valid identification and getting rid of same-day registration, which curbs youth turnout. One of Hayden's main arguments consists of the fact that students need to get out and register to vote. If one looks at the statistics, members of the younger generations mostly vote for the Democratic Party, hence same-day registration inflates votes for the Democratic Party.

On another note, remember that conservatives often argue that the country is moving away from the Founders' intentions. From a different perspective, the Framers had no intention of allowing the citizens of each state the right to vote for their representatives in the federal government.

Yes, the House of Representatives was chosen by the people they represented. However, the Senators, often chosen by the state legislatures of even by the governor himself, did not represent their constituents. Is this way of selecting public officials true democracy?

Is the Electoral College true democracy? The clear and simple answer is that the Framers of the Constitution had no intention of giving ordinary citizens power over the elites of the government.

In conclusion, remember how lucky we are as citizens of a democratic republic. To have the privilege of electing public officials is not only a right but also a responsibility. Take advantage of this right. Be responsible and vote because if you do not, our right to vote may disappear.

Louis Katz is a junior political science major and is covering the governor's race for The Westfield Voice.

Second time around

Emily Hendrickson
Voice Reporter

Think back to a year ago at this time. Who were you? What did you want to be like? What did you care about?

A year is a long time, but can also be a short amount of time. Everything can change in a year.

This year, I came back to Westfield as a sophomore. Just a year ago, I was a little freshman, trying to figure everything out. Yet, I still find myself adjusting and figuring things out. But this time around, it's much easier because

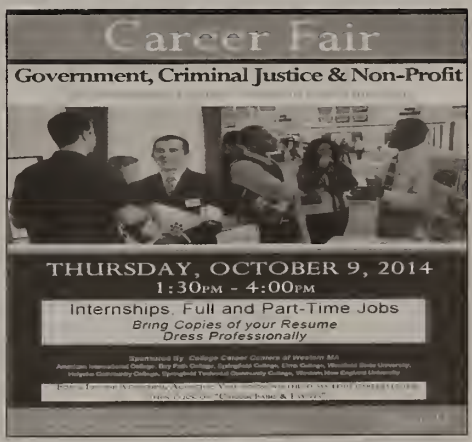
I already have one year of experience under my belt.

You really don't know what to expect when you come into college. It's pretty scary, but so exciting. The experience of freshman year is unforgettable and it is an experience that you will never get again. You learn so much about yourself.

At the beginning of my freshman year, I had an idea of who I was and what I wanted for a career in the future. I wanted to be a teacher.

By the end of freshman year, everything had changed, but for the better. I finally knew what I really wanted to do for a career, which was a job involved in communications and writing.

I had also discovered who I truly am. As I continue on into my sophomore year, I know that there will be more change, experiences, and new challenges, but hopefully by the end of the year, an even better me.



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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Something Other than ISIS

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Well everyone, I looked at what was happening in the world today and realized something.

There isn't one website, newsstand, radio show or news program that isn't making some sort of commentary on ISIS.

I will already assume by the time I have started this column my fellow writers at The Westfield Voice will have already produced a mass amount of content relating to ths recent ISIS beheading and President Obama's "warhawking" remarks.

As a result, I believe it would be against my code of conduct (or maybe with my innate laziness) to attempt to add anything new to the conversation. However, I will (along with sveryons else) continue to watch the ongoing events concerning ISIS and US involvement in the continual hostilities within the Middle East.

On to the topic at hand!

There has been a recent development in the Ukrainian "crisis" since this column's reporting last spring. It would seem diplomatic tensions have yet again risen, though no one would see it with all the attention on the Middle East.

Some developments have included that Kiev granting ths Eastern areas that are under Pro-Russian control "special status." This sort of deal has had great resistance from "loyal Ukrainians" who see Russia as an aggressor against their nation's sovereignty.

It just happens that over the past week protesters retaliated against a member of parliament who was thrown into a dumpster and then aggressively handled/yelled at by protesters who have had past issues with the politician.

This sort of protest comes after he earlier proposed a government policy to limit protests in the country and thsn his support of Pro-Russian resclutions to the current crisis.

Now all would be "well" if somsthing did not emerge just Tuesday on CNN, who reported that Russians believe it would he "morally wrong" to lsave the Crimean Peninsula after the months of restoring order and the "pro-Russian" activism going on their eastern border. Russia currently has over 1,000 soldisrs in the Ukraine and over 20,000 just along the hoarder, CNN reported Friday.

On top of the incrsased dsmonstrations and protests Kiev and EU officials announced new policy changes that tie closer economic and diplomatic honds between the Ukraine and ths EU nations.

Tuesday hoth Kiev and EU leaders meeting in France voted simultaneously on greater ties hetween the two parties. After the EU agreed Kiev quickly ratified the agreement granting free trade rights to Ukraine in Europe and a stronger diplomatic connection between the hig "western powers" of the EU zone.

This landmark decision is considered a "reversal" in Ukrainian policy that was set towards improving relations with Russia, as sesn in the previously ousted President, Viktor Yanukovych who rejected the same deal last year.

However, there was a second vote at the end on whether or not to grant parts of Eastern Ukraine a "special status" whers separatists would not he persecuted and simply put "grant amnesty to the separatists," as reported by CNN. This is sesn as a slight movement to eventual peace for the country, however it is short lived.

Russia is blaming the U.S. for the increased sanctions and as the prime instigator of current anti-Russian demonstrations across the continent.

To be honest, I wouldn't hlame them. It is U.S. diplomats leading the charge against Russia, hut in now way is it wrong.

Russia with its "peace keeping invasion" of Crimea has violated the national sovereignty of the Ukraine and keeps the eastern half of the country under indirect control from the Kremlin.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 12:44 p.m., Pro Russian rehels have reopensd hostilities after a shaky ceasefire hy firing rockets in eastern Ukraine and killing 10 civilians and leaving another 12 critically injured.

This throws into jeopardy the previously mentioned "special status" grantsd by the parliament in Kiev to separatists on Tuesday.

However, it isn't surprising seeing as the "prime minster" of "Donetsk people's republic" aaid "Kiev can forget about amnesty if it means disarmament!"

I will criticize Kiev who has partially "recognized" the existence of a "separate Eastern Ukraine." The "special status" would have heen more powerful and useful as a "legal pardon" of the rebels actions rather then an amnesty of war between "two" nations.

The global thsater is undsr great stress, diplomacy is being thrown out and it seems ths only talking points is: "What sort of war tactics should we employ?"

It is sad to say it seems that our leaders are pursuing escalation in our current crisisss and ws will soon need to take an "escalated" course of action in order to maintain our authority and influence in the world.

I hope I am just over thinking ths crisis, hut between the Syrian civil war, ISIS in the Middle East, The Ukraine-Russian crisis, ANOTHER war in Iraq and the looming threat of Russian-American conflict—we may see a global conflict of a scale equivalent to that of the 1940s!

THE LIBERAL VIEW

David Haines becomes third victim of ISIS murders

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

The Islamic State is looming over Westerners again this week with the death of David Haines, a British aid worker.

He worked on helping civilians and bringing aid to conflicted areas. He was abducted last year in Syria.

The New York Times reported this week before Haines's death was announced that as many as 74 countries have civilians who have been recruiting for the Islamic State.

Many are concerned that these recruiters will infiltrate and then commit acts of terror in their country of origin.

They also said that France is going to try to avoid flights leaving the country. They have proposed a bill to withdraw passports of those who are suspected in jihadi and also blocking internet users from recruitment sites.

Britain is going to try and prevent flights coming into the nation.

Obama and other world leaders, including Prime Minister of Britain David Cameron, said that the Islamic State does not represent Muslims and their faith accurately.

"They boast of their brutality. They claim to do this in the name of Islam. That is nonsense. Islam is a religion of peace. They are not Muslims, they are monsters," said Cameron.

The prophet Muhammad once said, "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm his neighbor" and also said, "Be kind, for whenever kindness becomes part of something, it beautifies it. Whenever it is taken from something, it leaves it tarnished."

Pat Robertson, anchor from The 700 Club, said controversially, "Islam is not a religion of peace," and has compared it to fascism.

People who think like this may not consider that as much as the Christian Bible is linked to the Jewish Torah, the Quran is the next set of books of faith documenting events following the Bible.

They are all rooted in the same faith and god and are not any more violent or peaceful than the other.

Let us not forget the Crusades and the Inquisition that led to genocide and the deaths of thousands of people. These events were based on the principles of Christianity that had been perverted.

With every kind of social construct, there is good and bad work that can be done for humanity.

Cameron continued, "We will do everything in our power to hunt down these murderers and ensure they face justice, however long that takes."

Obama has plans to pair up with Saudi Arabia to combat the threat of the former al-Qaeda group. Saudi Arabia has executed 22 people since August 2014; 8 of those deaths were beheadings.

It appears that the majority of those executed in August were guilty of nonlethal crimes, including drug trafficking, adultery, apostasy and "sorcery", as reported by the Washington Post.

This Monday, Secretary of State John Kerry said that he was still open to talk to Iran about dealing with the threat of the terrorist group.

The man featured in the videos by the Islamic State says they are committing these acts of violence to end airstrikes issued by Obama in Iraq.

The group has been known to perform public executions and crucifixions to the civilians of Sunni areas it has taken over in the Muslim world.

The next threatened victim is Alan Henning, a British hostage.

editorial

The Republican is dead wrong about drinking on college campuses

Tuesday's editorial in The Repuhlican is completely out of touch wrh reality.

Not only does it use arrest statistics to justify why "[d]rinking and illegal drug use must stop on college campuses," hut it insuits college students as a whole.

It hasically hegins with a quotation from Mitch Kuc, a Hadley, Mass. police officer, "This is a college town and alcohol is the fuel for almost everything on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, especially for the dozens of rental properties which house multiple students."

To quote this "sophomoric" editorial, "No kidding."

The reality is that college students, which range in age from 18 to 22, are going to drink.

There is no way that any policy anywhere at any time will restrict this activity.

Students will always huy alcohol (legally or illegally), sneak it into their residence halls, hold parties in their rooms, and mayhe do stupid things while intoxicated.

Can you hlame them?

They have lived with their parents for the past eighteen years and are now free from their direct supervision for the first time in that many years.

They are exposed to the ideals or alternate interpretations of Marx, Nietzsche, and Jefferson, new mathematical questions, historical theories that differ from American texthook models, and other concepts that they never would have learned in high school.

However, they are also exposed to alcohol and legal or illegal drugs. It runs through the very underground of all college campuses.

No amount of oversight from college administration or suhstance advisory committees or city police departments can prevent them from using (or in some cases, ahusing) these vices.

This dim-witted editorial cites last week's LSD overdose, heroin possession arrest, and numerous other alcohol or drug-related arrests at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst as reasons why alcohol and drugs should he harred from college campuses.

It is a very idealistic principle, but unrealistic.

Even the last sentence of the editorial acknowledges this, "It might be too much to ask, hut it is the law."

This editorial staff thinks it is time for a realistic and honest discussion on alcohol and drug use on this campus and encourages other colleges to old similar discussions.

This problem will not ever he smaller; it will only grow until policies on campuses hecome more attune with the realities of heing a student on a college campus.

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Lowering Higher Education Costs: Comparing Baker and Coakley's Plans

Louis Katz
Voice Columnist

Democrat Martha Coakley (left) and Republican Charlie Baker (right)

Both candidates for the Massachusetts Gubernatorial race, Martha Coakley and Charlie Baker, released plans to lower the cost of higher education. Coakley and Baker both stress the need for coordinating our colleges and universities with businesses.

Baker stated in a press release, "Unless we act now to deepen the connections between the public education system and the demands of the workplace, we will continue to see jobs migrate to other states and countries."

Coakley, who similarly plans to connect businesses and schools, specifically mentioned connecting Massachusetts schools with new technology-based industries. Coakley emphasized the need for talent retention and workforce development.

In terms of plans that directly decrease the debt students develop by going to college, Baker proposed three ideas. The first is expanding online learning, which reduces the time and expense of a college degree. Baker also proposed paid co-ops and internship experiences, through grant programs, to the public colleges and high schools.

Through this, students will get academic credits and obtain work experiences, making them more attractive candidates for businesses to hire. Lastly, Baker proposed establishing grants to create three-year Bachelors degree programs.

Coakley stressed two plans that directly decrease the burden of student debt. The first plan is to implement full-need financial aid to community colleges.

With an implemented full-need financial aid, states will cover the remainder of expenses that the federal government does not cover if one qualifies for the program.

Coakley also proposed a $5,000 tax deduction to families that put money into a Massachusetts 529 college savings plan.

This incentive to families ultimately lowers the amount of money a student needs to borrow because they already have money saved.

Coakley and Baker's plans similarly emphasize business-academic relations. However, the plans differ slightly.

Baker's plan primarily focuses on building those relationships and shortening the time it takes for some students to complete college.

On the other hand, Coakley primarily focuses on how to lower the debt that students have to pay without them having to accelerate the time it takes to earn a degree or take online classes.

When comparing the plans, Baker to a certain extent ignores those students who major in a liberal arts or education.

Compared to Coakley's plan of helping to eliminate debt through the full-need financial aid proposal, Baker includes no such plan except for students to take more online classes and accelerate their college experience.

These options of acceleration and online classes are not for everyone.

Some people take longer to finish college and some people also need to be in a physical classroom to get the most out of their education.

Gov. Deval Patrick rallies supporters at Eric Lesser's headquarters Saturday

Louis Katz
Voice Columnist

Eric Lesser (left) and Deval Patrick (right).

On Saturday, Sept.13, Gov. Deval Patrick came out to East Longmeadow to motivate the volunteers of Eric Lesser's campaign for State Senate in the First Hampden & Hampshire District.

When meeting volunteers, Patrick looked ready to rally the Lesser base to go out and get the votes for Nov. 4.

At the rally, many public officials arrived, including State Rep. Brian Ashe and Springfield City Councilor Justin Hurst.

Also, two of Lesser's former primary opponents, Tom Lachuisa and Aaron Saunders, made an appearance to demonstrate the unity of the Democratic Party in Western Massachusetts.

Patrick engaged the motivated volunteers by discussing how to win elections and why the Lesser supporters needed to keep working hard.

Patrick stated, "Winning in the field is how campaigns are won."

He also discussed the importance of fundraising, emphasizing that without grassroots campaigning candidates cannot win elections.

As to why Team Lesser needs to continue to work hard, Patrick spoke of how some Democrats are thinking about leaning towards voting for the Republicans this November.

In response to these Democrats, Patrick answered, "your memory is short" and followed up by mentioning, "eight years ago Massachusetts was 47th in job creation," which refers to the time when Republican Mitt Romney was governor.

Patrick continued in saying, "This election is not only about you, but it is about your kids, your grandchildren, and even the kids you don't know" and "you have the right nominee (Eric Lesser)."

Deval Patrick ended by stating, "You are working hard not for him (Lesser), but for us."

In closing, Eric Lesser took the microphone thanking Governor Patrick for his support and all of the volunteers.

After the speeches, Team Lesser went right back to work.

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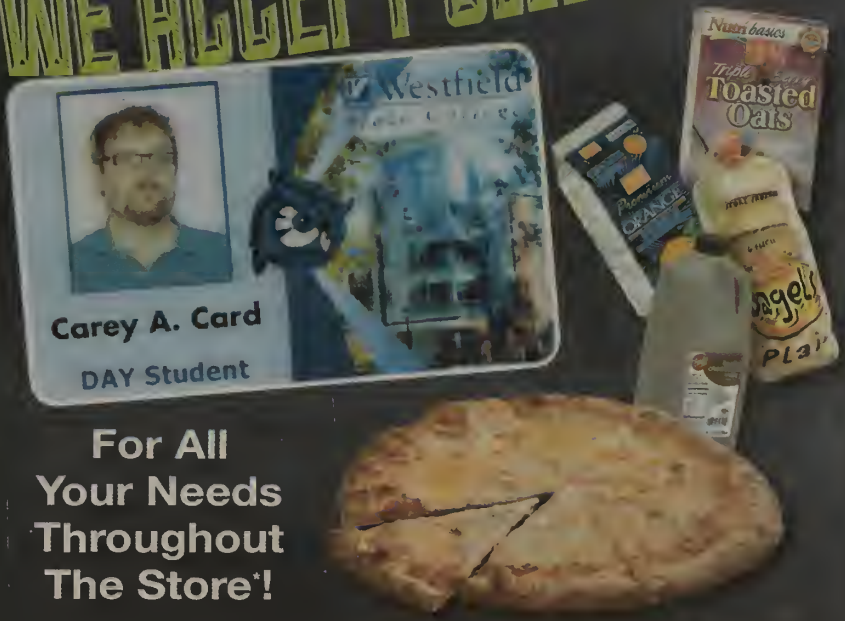

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MUSICAL THEATRE GUILD

MTG Fall Show, "9 to 5" Cast List Announced

Andrew Morin
Arts & Entertainment Editor

With a new semester upon us, the student-run Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) has cast their fall production!

The show this semester is 9 to 5, a hilarious comedy set in the late 70's, and will be directed by Beth Teague and Allison O'Neil.

In the show, three very different female co-workers, Violet Newstead, Judy Bernly, and Doralee Rhodes plan to overthrow their sexist boss, Franklin Hart, Jr. The three women take it upon themselves to seek revenge on him and completely transform their office from a dull environment to a girl's dream workplace.

9 to 5 is a very energetic show that incorporates themes of friendship, romance, equality, and rebellion.

The show will open Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in Dever Auditorium and run through Saturday, Oct. 25. For ticket information and to reserve seats, please contact producer, Chelsea Orifice at corifice2860@westfield.ma.edu.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

CAB provides a successful outing to The Big E

Caroline Chizek
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Westfield's Campus Activities Board organized a very worthwhile trip to "New England's Great State Fair," The Big E. Tickets to the event sold out in a mere two days with ninety students attending.

Venturing to the fair is usually a pricey affair, but a ticket through the school, including transportation and admission to the park, was $15.

As parking is an average $20 and admission is $15, this deal was quite a triumph for students' wallets.

The Big E features livestock displays, New England cuisine, a monopoly of vendors, and many other attractions.

This was Westfield's first annual trip to the fair orchestrated by CAB, and they hope to have many more. Matt Dellea of Student Affairs and Valerie Turco of Residence Life were the chaperones for the trip.

"Overall, this event was really successful!" stated CAB's president and SGA vice president of programming, Shannon Cullinane.

She added, "Everyone had a great time with a lot of laughs."

"I had a fun time on the trip and was glad that it was a success for CAB," said Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life.

Students who went on the trip could be overheard exclaiming how much fun they had, especially those who were going for the first time.

Added Clark, "I wish there were multiple trips like this during the time of the fair!"

Though this amazing deal has passed, all students should attempt to take a trip to the spectacular fair.

MTG CAST LIST

Violet Newstead: Tessa Newell
Doralee Rhodes: Morgan Doherty
Judy Bernly: Hannah Clifford
Franklin Hart, Jr: Sam Asuque
Roz Keith: Madeleine Fitzsimmons
Joe: Paul Barrett
Dwayne: Connor Swan
Josh: Johnny Gordon
Missy: Emma Perry
Maria: Chelsea Orifice
Dick: Ryan Pound
Kathy: Alyssa Bourke
Margaret: Julie Macleod
Bob Enright: Matt Anderson
Tinsworthy: Will MacKinnon
Detective: Kevin Thompson
Doctor: Jessie Collette
Candy Striper: Abby Macmahon
New Employee: Jessie Collette

Featured Dancers-
Erin Meany, Jen Guimond
Kelsey Collis, Rachel Cofsky

Ensembie-
Ahhy Macmahon, Alyssa Bourke
Chelsea Orifice, Connor Swan
Emma Perry, Erin Meany
Jen Guimond, Jessie Collette
Julie Macleod, Johnny Gordon
Kelsey Collis, Kevin Thompson
Matt Anderson, Rachel Cofsky
Ryan Pound, Will MacKinnon

PRODUCTION STAFF:
Co-Directors: Alison O'Neil & Beth Teague
Co-Musical Directors: Tyler Cook & Kelsey Gray
Assistant Musical Director: Mike Ferrara
Choreographer: Jen Guimond
Assistant Choreographer: Rachael Cofsky
Stage Manager: Ryan Morrissey
Assistant Stage Manager: Amity Leary
Technical Director: Chris Konstantinidis
Assistant Technical Director: Ryan Pound
Producer: Chelsea "Calzone" Orifice
Assistant Producer: Rebecca O'Leary
Rehearsal Pianist: Tyler Cook
Co-costumers: Hannah Clifford & Andrew Morin
Assistant Costumer: Daniel Garrity
Lighting Designer: Alex MacBeth
Props Master: Erin Meany
Assistant Props Master: Benjamin Haskell
Charge Artist: Kelley Roche
House Manager: Kayla Awiszus
Contract Supervisor: Andrew Morin

Benoit: A Trip Through Time

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

On Sept.12, the Catalyst Stage performed The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged). I enjoyed this show because they incorporated all of Shakespeare's work while making it funny.

The three performers were able to carry out every piece while playing themselves as actors.

I enjoyed how they didn't just portray every play the same way, but mixed it up and combined some of them.

The show lives up to the title; they did indeed get to every one of Shakespeare's plays. I liked how they did their research and kept true to the stories.

In Romeo and Juliet, they stuck to the main plot.

From the fight between the Capulets and the Montagues, to the love-inspiring ending, they hit everything while making us laugh.

For example, they shortened the fight between Romeo and Tybalt by making him immediately run into Romeo's sword.

The show wasn't just the actors playing characters from Shakespeare, but they played themselves as well. You had the idiot who didn't really know Shakespeare and then the two others that were inspired by him.

The chemistry between them was great because they would argue throughout the production. In between each play there would be a scene with the actors either facing a problem or discussing how they will do the next scene.

For example, before Hamlet one of them was refusing to perform and the others were trying to force him to.

Every play wasn't done the same way, which I thought was beneficial to the show.

They utilized different techniques to present the plays to us; they imitated a cooking show, a football game, and a rap song.

If they did every play the same it would be boring and predictable, but they surprised the whole crowd and I by mixing it up.

If they performed every play individually it would be too lengthy, so they combined some of the plays.

They took all of Shakespeare's comedies and did a montage of quotes from each one.

It incorporated all of Shakespeare's works in different ways and styles plus made us laugh through the entire show.

STAGE NOTES

The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr

Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

I think I can speak for many lovers of literature when I say that I cringed at the terribly butchered Facebook request to attend The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr, a show put on by Catalyst Stage in the Ely Blackbox Theater this past weekend.

Like many others, I am sure I was not the only one to think: Please tell me this is a joke.

I am relieved to answer: In a way, it was.

The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr is a comedic and satirical play, originally done by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, which condenses and "modernizes" many of the classics works of William Shakespeare.

The show is a parody within itself, completely destroying the fourth wall by having not only the actors playing themselves, but involving the director and stage crew as well.

The actors playing actors then fly through some of Shakespeare's most famous works, which have been redone for modern audiences to "better understand".

Some of the shows featured included the bloody Titus Andronicus, which is portrayed as a cooking show to parody several of the play's characters being cooked into a pie in the original production, and Othello, which is presented entirely as a rap song.

"I thought the show was brilliantly performed," said Megan McGuire, '17. "I had seen a glimpse of it before in Sabine's Intro to Theatre Class.

Once I realized that I was seeing the same show but in its entirety, I was so enthralled."

The theater company who put on the hilarious production is called Catalyst Stage and is made up of Westfield State Theater Department alumni, including Kayla Kennedy, Josh Raymond, and Bryant Cyr.

Catalyst Stage is a non-profit theater company that runs out of western and central Massachusetts and aims to bring quality theatrical performances to the community for an inexpensive cost.

The Catalyst Stage had performed at Westfield State in the past with Bedtime Stories and Ann Raynd.

They are currently going into production for their annual holiday show.

If you have an opportunity to see any of these productions being put on by Catalyst Stage, I highly suggest that you attend.

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KNOWING TO COOK

A Few Words on the Egg

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

PHOTO FROM TUMBLR.COM

The egg, despite its size, is the most important ingredient of the entire food spectrum. Eggs are utilized in nearly every popular recipe in modern culture.

You need eggs to make pasta dough, piecrusts, cakes, sauces, omelettes, frittata, quiche, pastries, meringue, and a multitude of other meals that if I continued to list, would take up nearly the entire edition of this newspaper. The most popular egg is, of course, the chicken egg. It is the egg that is most often used because of its abundance and its variety of uses.

While many view the use of eggs as simply an ingredient used to complete a recipe, there are others who understand not only the important gastronomical values of the egg, but also the nutritional values.

In this modern age, we are completely obsessed with nutrition and the use of "super foods" to help make us healthy. I offer a counterpoint; instead of spending an excessive amount of money purchasing "super foods" that will eventually go out of style, why not follow the adage, which has kept millions of people healthy for centuries?

We ought to eat more of what's good for you and less of what is not. Up until the twentieth century and the emergence of fast food, nutrition and health were not as enormous an issue as is being portrayed today. In fact, up until the 1960's, smoking cigarettes was popularly viewed as a health benefit rather than a stick of death.

So why, in the last thirty years or so, have we become so obsessed with health and nutrition? Simple answer: we want to live longer. There are multiple paths one can take to achieve longevity, but no matter which path is taken, each eventually converges into one point: healthy food.

This brings us back to eggs. Eggs are the superfood that has never gone out of style. Eggs are filled with protein, vitamins and minerals, iron, and are very low in calories. They are also extremely beneficial to health and well-being.

Lately, however, I have been witnessing a disturbing trend. I have noticed that an increasing amount of people are abandoning the egg yolks in favor of the egg whites. The nutritional part of the egg is the yolk, not the whites.

So, why people are continually abandoning the yolk in favor of the white is unsettling... at least to me. I know there has been some controversy in the past about the amount of cholesterol in egg yolks (which is low) and that the whites are better for your health and can be attributed to weight loss and other good things.

In case anyone was unaware, and this is not meant to sound snarky or condescending, eating right and exercise is the best way to lose weight.

Quite recently, while I was visiting family friends up in New Hampshire, I had the one of the greatest breakfasts in living memory. All of the ingredients were fresh and unadulterated and absolutely wonderful!

There was served a wonderful dish of scrambled eggs, prepared with farm fresh eggs, spinach, tomatoes, cheese, and wild onion. Also at the table were wild blackberry muffins and pancakes and the pieced résistance: homemade maple syrup (which will be discussed in more detail next week).

Still, the scrambled eggs were the best scrambled eggs I have ever eaten, which is saying a lot because I usually do not like scrambled eggs.

Overall, eggs are important; there is no question about it. If, for some reason you disagree, I challenge you to look through your favorite recipes and see if eggs are not utilized in some way. Vegans need not apply (that is a joke in case you were wondering).

I do understand that eggs are not used in all recipes; in fact there are people (like Vegans) who choose to live their lives without eggs or other animal products. That is absolutely fine. There is no ultimate food diet or method of thinking. All food is wonderful and special in its own wonderful way.

The main point of this article was for you as the reader to at least understand why eggs are important and just how healthy and special they really are. Another way to put it: I love eggs.

So enjoy this recipe for what I have deemed "Farmhouse Scrambled Eggs."

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

FARMHOUSE SCRAMBLED EGGS

Ingredients:
Eggs
Spinach, chopped fine
Tomatoes, diced
Onions, chopped fine
Zucchini, chopped fine (optional)
Salt & Pepper
Olive Oil
Note: I have left out measurements and amounts intentionally because this recipe will vary on just how many people you cook it for.

Instructions:
1. Crack eggs into a bowl and whisk until the yolks and whites have completely mixed together. Add a pinch of salt and a dash pepper.
2. Oil a medium to large skillet, depending on how many people you are cooking for, set on medium high heat and sauté the vegetables. Put in the onions first; after they have sweated, add the tomatoes. Add the spinach last and cook them all together for about 3-5 minutes.
3. Once the spinach had reduced, carefully drain some of the liquid before adding the eggs.
4. Add the eggs and stir constantly until the eggs are no longer runny.
5. Serve with toast or any other breakfast food you enjoy.

owls athletics

Owls drop first road game at Western New England

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WSU Athletic Department

In a hard-hitting game fitting of the rivalry, Western New England delivered the final blow on a 38-yard catch and run by Alejandro Colon to give the Golden Bears a 17-14 win over the Owls on Saturday afternoon.

The two teams traded blows all day. Two of the best running backs in New England were featured, as Westfield State's Mike Mercadante ground out 132 yards on 32 carries and scored both Westfield's touchdowns on runs of 13 and six yards. WNE received 90 yards from senior tailback Kevin Cook, who also passed the 3000-yard mark for his career.

WNE got on the board first, marching 76 yards on 13 playa on its second drive of the game, capped by a 1 yard td run from Cook. The TD was the 39th of Cook's career, tying tbe WNE rushing record.

Midway through the second quarter, Westfield mounted a atrong drive of its own. The Owls started with a short field at the Western New England 43 after the WSU defense had forced a three-and out and the Golden Bears had to punt from their own 6-yard line. Westfield moved the 43 yards in nine plays, capped by a 13-yard touchdown run from Mercadante.

The Golden Bears led at the half, 10-7, after a 29-yard Kevin Patterson field goal with 1:26 left in the half.

Westfield got a lift on special teams midway through the third quarter. After WNE drove the ball from it's own seven-yard line to the Westfield five-yard line on 10 plays. The Owls defense held with three straight and-goal stops inside the five yard line to force a 22-yard field goal try. Sam Laurin rushed from the right end and dove to block the try to keep any furtber damage off the scoreboard.

The ensuing Owls drive stalled. but special teams came up big again. Freshman John Ollari boomed a 42-yard punt, and then Westfield's Marcus Pettigrew forced a fumble from WNE return man Tucker Schumitz, which was recovered by the Owls William Tejada at the WNE 36-yard line.

Westfield struck quickly. as senior QB Steve Guercio connected with tight end Peter Knowles for a 15-yard gain, and a face mask penalty moved the ball to the WNE six yard line. Mercadante then rusbed up the middle, dragging tacklers into the end zone for a 14-10 owls lead with 14:26 left in the game.

The two teams traded a pair of short drives. After WNE was forced to punt, Westfield fumbled on the next series to give the Golden Owls a sbort field. But the Westfield defense again came up big, this time with senior linebacker picking off WNE quarterback Tyler Ward's pass at tbe eight-yard line and returned it to the 11.

The Owls' ensuing possession went nowhere after a pair of holding penalties. After another punt, WNE started with good field position at the Westfield 49-yard line. Two rushing plays gave WNE a first down at the Westfield 38, and then Ward completed a middle screen to Colon, who avoided a couple of tacklers and then sprinted downfield for what proved to be the game-winning score, and a 17-14 Golden Bears lead with 4:18 left in the game.

Westfield marched from its own 21 to the WNE 48 on a its final drive with a cbance to win the game. Five runs from Mercadante and a Guercio completion to Yinka Areago put the ball across midfield, but the drive stalled at the WNE 48-yard line after three straight incompletions.

WNE was able to run out the final 57 seconds to seal the win, and regain the President's Cup. Westfield leads the all-time series 14-12.

"It was a hard-fough game, very evenly matched," said Westfield State head coach Pete Kowalski. " There were a couple of big plays each way, and they ultimately made tbe big play that won it. Western New England has a good team and a good program."

WNE improved to 2-0 with the win.

Guercio finished 9-19 passing for 93 yards for the Owls. Bobby Boire had five catches for 47 yards to lead the receiving corps.

McCoy finished with a game-high 12 tackles to go with tbe interception and 1.5 tackles for losses. Jonathan Lytle added 11 tackles, including two for losses and safety Greg Sheridan had 10 stops. Safety Chris Storey had a strong day witb five tackles, two pass breakups and an interception.

Westfield falls to 1-1 with the loss. The Owls will travel to UMass-Dartmouth next Saturday for a 4:00 p.m. kickoff against the Corsairs in a MASCAC contest.

Westfield sweeps top 4, takes ECSU Invite

WSU Athletic Department

Freshman Justin Halley won the race and Westfield State swept the top four individual places aa the Owls cruised to victory in the three-team Eastern Connecticut State Invitational on Saturday.

Halley traveraed the 5k course in 16:39, edging taammates Steve Connolly (16:44) Tim Shea (17:16) and Mike Skelly (17:16).

Westfield finished with 16 points, Eastern Connecticut 48, and Post University 75. Tbe westfield men have won both of their first two meets this aeason.

In the women'a race, Andrea Hicks was the Owls top finisher in second place, covering the 5k course in 20:59. Olivia Marshall was third in 21:00. Samantha Hurley placed fifth, Adrianne Stelmack sixth, and Jessie Cardin seventh to lead the Owls to victory.

Westfield finished with 23 points, ECSU 36, and St. Joseph's (CT) 83.

The Owls will travel to UMass Dartmouth for an Invitational meet next Saturday, September 20.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, September 12th
W VBall at Trinity College
L 0-3

Saturday, September 13th
M/W XC at Eastern Connecticut Invite 1st Place both
Field Hockey at Eastern Connecticut L 1-6
M Soccer vs. Springfield College L 0-1
W Soccer at Eastern Connecticut T 1-1
Football at WNEU L 14-17
W VBall vs. WPIW 3-1 (Played in Hartford, CT)
W VBall vs. Eastern Connecticut L 0-3 (Played in Hartford, CT)

Tuesday, September 16th
W VBall at Bridgewater State W 3-1
Field Hockey at Endicott College L 1-3
M Soccer vs. Trinity College L 0-2

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, September 18th
M Golf at MCLA Invite 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 20th
W Golf at Mt. Holyoke College Invite 8:00 a.m.
W VBall at Bay Path College 10:00 a.m.
M/W XC at UMass Dartmouth Invite 10:30 a.m./12:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs UMass Dartmouth 12:00 p.m.
M Soccer at Fitchburg State 12:00 a.m.
W VBall vs Green Mountain College 12:00 p.m.
W Soccer vs Fitchburg Stete 3:00 p.m.
Football at UMass Dartmouth 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 21th
W Golf at Mt. Holyoke College Invite 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 23rd
M Soccer vs Elms College 7:00 p.m.

USA glides to gold at FIBA World Cup

Anthony Davis and the USA basketball team won gold in Spain on Sunday. They finished the tournament undefeated.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

On Sunday Sept. 14, the USA men's basketball team captured the gold medal at the FIBA Basketball World Cup in Spain. Twenty-four teams from around the world competed in this round robin style tournament. Players represent their home countries, and play for personal pride as well as an automatic bid to the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The U.S. started off running and never looked back in this tournament. They completed the group phase, winning all five games against Turkey, Dominican Republic, Finland, New Zealand, and Ukraine. They averaged 102.2 points per game as a team and held opponents to only 69 points per game. The U.S. faced off against Mexico, Slovenia, Lithuania, and Serbia in the final and they beat all of these teams by an average margin of 31.75 points.

At the head of the U.S.'s offensive attack were point guard Kyrie Irving and small forward James Harden. Everyone on the team had a significant role, but these two guys especially took over in the final game against Serbia. Irving with 26 points on 10 of 13 shooting and 6 for 6 from downtown and Harden with 23 points on 8 for 11 shooting and 3 for 5 from downtown. Six other players scored in double digits and Demarcus Cousins was the closest to a double-double with 9 rebounds and 11 points.

In this gold medal victory, the U.S. became the third team ever to win back-to-back FIBA championships along with Yugoslavia ('98-'02) and Brazil ('59-'63). The U.S. also tied Yugoslavia for all time FIBA championships with five. The U.S. is also the first country to win four consecutive major international tournaments winning the 2008 Olympics, 2010 FIBA World Cup, 2012 Olympics, and the 2014 FIBA World Cup

Team USA had two players named to the all-star five of the tournament, Kenneth Faried and Kyrie Irving; Irving was also awarded the MVP of the tournament. The other three who were named as all-stars were Pau Gasol from team Spain and recently new to the NBA's Chicago Bulls, Nicolas Batum of team France who currently plays for the NBA's Portland Trailblazers, and Milos Teodosic of team Serbia who plays in the VTB United League.

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Real thugs move in silence or violence

PHOTO FROM HTTP://GREATFULL.COM

Adrian Peterson is facing two separate child abuse charges and has been barred from all Minesota Vikings team activities. He is the latest high-profile NFL player to face legal trouble along with Ray Rice and Greg Hardy's domestic violence charges. The NFL is currently in a state of dismay and serious criticism. Only time will solve these issues as the fans are left to watch their favorite athletes carry out the legal process.

Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

Richard Sherman made one of the most incredible and important plays in all of last season by breaking up a touchdown pass from San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick to Michael Crabtree. Sherman broke up the play, leading to an interception by Malcolm Smith, ensuring the Seahawks a place in the Super Bowl. However, his actions after the game, like throwing the choke signal and giving Erin Andrews one of the most exuberant post-game interviews in recent memory, led to negative media attention.

The word "thug" was liberally thrown into media stories and television reports based only on a 15 second, off the cuff, post-game interview on national television.

Sherman was asked if he is bothered by the word being used without much thought behind it and if that bothered him more than any other criticism he receives.

"The reason it bothers me is because it seems like it's an accepted way of calling somebody the N-word now," he said. "It's like everybody else said the N-word and then they say 'thug' and that's fine."

The reason that Sherman was right to make these connections is because of the way the "thug" was used and the context it was used in. Also, many of those people who used the word in this way did not have a true understanding of what the word meant to Sherman, as opposed to their own interpretation.

"It kind of takes me aback and it's kind of disappointing because they know...what's the definition of a thug? Really? Can a guy on a football field just talking to people [be a thug?]... There was a hockey game where they didn't even play hockey! They just threw the puck aside and started fighting. I saw that and said, 'Ah, man, I'm the thug? What's going on here? So I'm really disappointed in being called a thug," Sherman said.

The current state of the NFL with repeated domestic violence arrests, multiple child abuse cases, and a slate of drug suspensions has fans really questioning what is more important, winning football games or living law abiding lives off the field.

The difference between these situations and the Sherman situation is that Sherman was amped up about a game-winning defensive play and fans say things like "Someone needs to introduce Richard Sherman to George Zimmerman. #ThugLifeOver."

However, a video of Ray Rice knocking out his fiancé surfaces and people wear his jersey to a Ravens home game two days later. Ray McDonald is arrested on domestic violence charges and suits up for the 49ers the following Sunday.

Adrian Peterson is facing two felony child abuse charges and was only deactivated for one game. Peterson was reinstated by the Viking after Sunday's loss to New England and was only barred from team activities after the team started losing sponsors and Minnesota political officials and media outlets brought attention to the situation to non-sports enthusiast.

These three men are those who are justifiably thugs. Race is irrelevant in these three situations. Their situations are not one, 15 second interview, but are serious felony charges with serious consequences.

Fans and others within the NFL must develop a sense of common sense when it comes to high profile athletes. It should be an accepted practice to berate Richard Sherman and personally attack him for being excited and then turn around and praise and root for a player who is convicted of multiple felonies.

The time is now to see the NFL for what it has become, an organization that hides behind the "NFL is a business" mantra. In an attempt to protect their image, the NFL tried to push all three of these situations under the rug, and it only drew more attention to itself. It is no longer just Richard Sherman that knows "real thugs", they are right in front of us and we must recognize it in order to move forward.

Enjoy the game that Americans have come to love this weekend. But remember to think about who you are cheering for and why.

horoscopes

Aries
(March 21 – April 20):
Ignore your friends' pleading protest! Quit your cushy job and pursue that career as a lion tamer.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
There will be a big surprise in your life when you suffer a fatal injury.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Your worst fears will be coming true this week, Gemini. Avoid the deli section of the DC at all costs.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
You were right all along. They are all laughing behind your back. Don't trust anyone.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
You feel a grand surprise on the horizon. You're wrong.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
You may be plunging into despair, but don't give up hope! The stars do not suggest any improvements in your life, but I personally believe in you.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Ditch that ugly sweater. Stop denying it. No one wants to speak up, but everyone thinks it's hideous.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
You may have a creepy zodiac sign and an unsightly birthstone, but the stars know that you're beautiful deep down, even if no one else does.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Time to go visit Grandma. She misses you.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Stop second-guessing yourself. You were wrong the first time.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Your prize possession is in danger. Skip all classes and social events to keep it adequately protected.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
Time flies when you're having fun. This week will be going by incredibly slowly.

games & leisure

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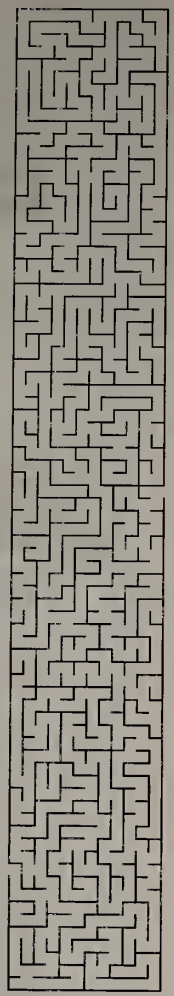

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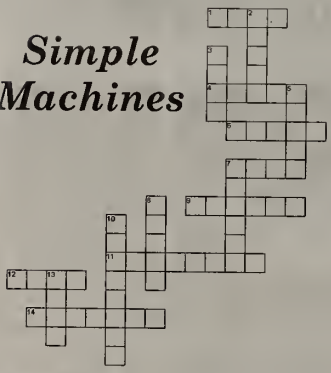

Across
1. Bar on which a wheel turns.
4. Cylinder with a ridge winding around it. It's a simple machine.
6. Strength or force that can be exerted on other bodies.
7. An instrument of work.
9. Something that produces action, a moving force.
11. plane A plank or plane surface put at an angle to a horizontal surface.
12. To move, usually with force or effort.
14. Any device that applies or changes the direction of power force, or motion.

Down
2. A bar which rests on a fulcrum.
3. To move something away by pressing against it.
5. A round frame that turns on a pin or shaft in its middle.
7. A force that causes rotation.
8. Exerting pressure or influence over object or substance.
10. The act of a surface or an object rubbing against each other.
13. Amount of work a machine is expected to perform.

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NEW SCIENCE ANNEX

The ground has been broken!

The first group of "groundbreakers" at the official groundbreaking of the new science annex on Thursday. All three speakers from the program: university president Elizabeth Preston, SGA president Rebecca DiVico, and commonwealth secretary of education Matthew Malone, got to dig first.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

A successful groundbreaking event last Thursday started off the $46 million building project that will add 54,000 square feet onto Wilson Hall.

The event, which was attended by dozens of university administration, faculty, and staff, government officials, Student Government officials, and other community members, was considered the official start of a project that began in August.

The building, which does not have official name, is the first academic building to be added to the campus since the 1971 completion of Wilson Hall.

It is budgeted to cost $46 million, $33 million of which is coming from a 2008 Massachusetts revenue bond. $9 million from a Massachusetts School and College Building Association loan, $3 million from a Massachusetts Life Sciences Center grant, and $1 million from university fundraising for equipment and furnishings.

The project is expected to be completed by August 2016, which means that the academic departments that are affected will have their first classes in the new space in the fall of that year. This includes the programs of chemistry, nursing, and environmental science.

The addition of the new science center is part of the campus master plan that was put in place in 2010. The campus master plan, available on the university website, includes maps of the available lands for construction, basic details of now-already completed projects like University Hall and the Dining Commons expansion, and other details about the direction the campus is going over the next several years.

The architects for the project are Cambridge Seven Associates and the contractors are Walsh Brothers Construction, who also built University Hall.

The new science center is supposed to be an integral part of that master plan, which is the detail that

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SENIOR CONVOCATION

Scanlon Hall fire alarm interrupts Senior Convocation; Prusank gets standing ovation

Students, faculty, and administration waiting outside of Scanlon Hall for the "all-clear" during Senior Convocation.

The class of 2015 has officially become the senior class!

Last Thursday's Senior Convocation was an event to remember, complete with a standing ovation for the faculty speaker Professor Diane Prusank and a fire alarm that prevented the hors d'oeuvres part of the program.

Planned by the office of Academic Affairs and the 2015 class council, the event was attended by over fifty students and about twenty faculty members, mostly from the Communication department, where Prusank teaches.

The event was led by Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, with senior class president Richard Darrach speaking first.

He spoke about the importance of students making the most out of their time in this senior year because it goes by too fast.

Darrach told a personal story about a medical oddity he contracted that dramatically shortened the lives of others afflicted, yet he miraculously went into remission. It reinforced the idea that time is very precious and should not be wasted.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Government speeds through third meeting; approves two new reps from 2017

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Following the same suit as last week's meeting, the Student Government Association held a short, no-nonsense meeting on the first official day of autumn.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, first introduced MASSPIRG's campus organizer Michael Basmajian. He talked about MASSPIRG's newest campaign known as the "Voters Project," which is about getting students registered to vote on important matters within the state and country.

Basmajian said 45 students from Westfield State University have registered on Tuesday and that over the course of the semester 200 students have already registered. MASSPIRG's goal is to get 500 students registered.

DiVico took the podium after Basmajian was finished and said that all should participate in Family Day at Westfield State around the campus and in the Woodward center this Saturday.

The madam president then announced that next week would be the first SGA meeting with a full Legislature. The new senators will be comprised of hall councilors and the representatives for the class of 2018.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, announced that Father Warren J. Savage, Roman Catholic Chaplain, has found an Islamic Imam who will perform services for those who are members of Islamic faith.

Clark also announced that Student Affairs and the Interfaith Center are helping to put an Interfaith Committee together, which is part of President Obama's Interfaith Challenge. "The challenge is meant to increase interfaith activities on college campuses and to create a more collaborative and respectful environment," Clark said.

He stated that the committee would have student representation. Four students would be selected from the four different religions that are currently or will be represented in the Interfaith Center, which are Catholic, Jewish, Islamic, and Protestant. He then moved on to talk about the damaged smoking gazebos.

"The Student Affairs Committee," Clark said, "had a lot of great ideas on how to combat the graffiti and vandalism". The committee has decided to implore the Department of Facilities and Maintenance to get rid of the offensive graffiti, he said.

"It is not so much a matter of getting some sort of cleaner and wiping it all off, it actually has to be sanded which takes a couple of days to do," said Clark.

Clark also mentioned that Prof. Sackett from the economics department gave the committee the idea of turning the gazebos into an art project. Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, went with Clark to meet Robbie Finocchiaro at the gazebos. Clark said Pickron calls Finocchiaro "the mayor of the gazebo," which brought many laughs into the room.

He said Finocchiaro suggested chalkboard paint instead of an art project. Clark said that the chalk art would be allowing the vandalism to continue.

"But at the same time, it is allowing us to keep the gazebos clean without having to go through the process of having a carpenter come out and sand it down," he said.

Ivana McGlinchey, multicultural representative, informed the SGA that it is Latin Heritage Month. She said on Sept. 30 there would be a dance workshop in the Owl's Nest at 4:30 p.m.

Oliva Dumas, vice president of academic life, said that last year's academic technology survey yielded concerns about the Wi-Fi on campus, specifically Resnet. Dumas said the university used all the money they received in their budget to improve the bandwidth of Resnet.

"This is an ongoing project," Dumas said.

She also announced that there will be an IT help desk in the library Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

She lastly stated that there would be two print-only stations in the library that allows students who only wish to print to come into the library and not worry about finding an open computer.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, reported that the Westfield State Foundation added 16 new corporators and said that students should expect to see more Foundation members on campus this semester.

Carlin also announced that the university's radio station, WSKB-FM, is hosting a community radio program from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, said that Senior Convocation was a huge success and thanked everyone who helped out. He also said that the Out of the Darkness walk might be pushed to November.

Scott Seskevich, president of the class of 2017, moved to appoint two new members to be representatives of the class of 2017 for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The new members were Jon Cubetus and Teresa Aloi. Both motions passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

University of Massachusetts recently accepted a major donation, valued at $1.4 million, from the Monsanto Company. The donation, called a "Bio-foundry" by the University, includes a library of tissues and plant cells from 3,500 plant species, as well as the relevant equipment needed to work with it.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Chancellor Kent Syverud appointed fourteen members on Friday to the Chancellor's Workgroup on Sexual Violence Prevention, Education and Advocacy. The group provides ideas and proposals for how the university can continue to address sexual assault and relationship violence on campus.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers released a report on Wednesday that offers suggestions for lowering healthcare costs for all Harvard employees. The report proposes solutions to mitigate the cost burden on employees as healthcare costs soar nationwide.

news from clubs and orgs

the westfield voice

The newspaper is expanding! We are looking for an online managing editor and a sports editor. Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, is the editor-in-chief of a magazine entitled Port Folio. If you would like to help with the magazine, send emails to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

The scene at the new science annex groundbreaking

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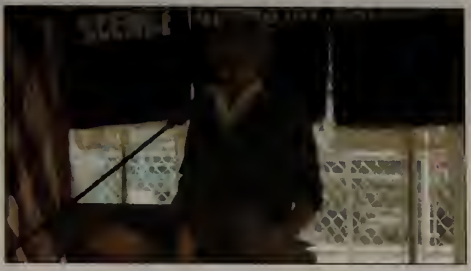
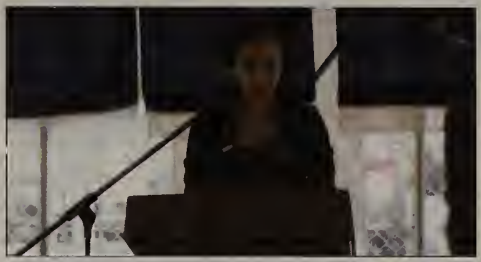
Matthew Carlin, SGA vice president of finance; Tony Casciano, chief of public safety; and Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, take in the event.



University president Elizabeth Preston acted as master of ceremonies. She delivered thank-yous to the dignitaries and government officials.



SGA president Rebecca DiVico gave a speech that emphasized that importance that this project has for the students it serves.

Commonwealth secretary of education Matthew Malone delivered off-the-cuff remarks that got the crowd laughing. He conveyed the governor's support.

(top wide photo) The board of trustees and university president Elizabeth Preston "break ground" on the new science annex. (bottom wide photo) University administration and government officials follow suit.

Run Stanley is back!

Jessica McRobbie
Voice Reporter

After last year's great success, Run Stanley is back for a second year. This year Vanessa Diana and Alejandro Paredes, the masterminds behind the event, hope to do just as well.

Last year alone, this 5k through Stanley Park raised $17,000 towards rebuilding the bridges and restoring the trails of the Wild Life Sanctuary that were destroyed in August 2011 during Hurricane Irene.

With the support of the community, they are on their way to continuing the process of getting the bridges built and restoring the Wild Life Sanctuary to its original beauty and safety.

This fun-filled event will include refreshments, a shorter run for little kids before the 5k starts, a DJ(Jake Lehan, Managing Director of WSKB), and tons of local support and sponsors. Even Mayor Daniel Knapik is participating!

Run Stanley welcomes not just runners, but people of all speeds, as there will be many supporters walking and jogging. The love for this cherished park is apparent among the community and many will be there to show their support.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, this fundraising event will take place rain or shine at Stanley Park, starting and finishing at the Children's Pavilion. Registration for the 5k is from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the run begins at 11 a.m.

For students, the cost is $15, and for all other participants, the cost is $25. If you register before Oct. 1, you get a complementary Run Stanley t-shirt. If you do not want to take part in the 5k, but want to help the cause, you can volunteer to help the event.

To register as a runner, volunteer, or if you have any other questions regarding Run Stanley, answers can be found on their website www.runstanley.com, their Twitter @runstanley5k, or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/runstanley5k.

We hope to see you there to show your support and love for Stanley Park!

WSU Students utilize Stanley Park as a Learning Community

McKenzie Lonsdale
Voice Reporter

Have you ever heard of "civic engagement based learning"? It may sound odd to someone who has never heard of it.

It is defined as "working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference" (Ehlrich, Civic Responsibility and High Education vi).

The civic engagement class that I am addressing in particular is run by Professor Diana and Professor Conz. They are the masterminds behind the wonderful combination of Physical Geography and First Year Composition.

It essentially feels like an environmental science English class, and it is great for anyone.

Regardless of whether you love science or English, this class will keep you interested and engaged.

The main focus of the class is Stanley Park and we as students focus our efforts on not only studying and learning the history of the park, but on who uses the park, how we could improve the park, and the geographical layout of the park.

Not only do we study the park, but we actually use class time to go outside and enjoy all that it has to offer.

As part of our class, we also must complete ten service hours. It may sound daunting, but it is actually a very easy task to accomplish and makes you feel like you are making a difference!

This class differs from others in that we actually get to enjoy the fresh air during class and are encouraged to do our homework outside.

This class really does transform learning into a fascinating new experience and encourages well-being of the mind, soul, and body.

If you are looking for a great new experience, an inside look at Stanley Park, or love English and Science, this class should definitely be a top choice for you next semester!

2014/2015 Hall Council Election Results

APARTMENT COMPLEX
President - vacant
Vice President - vacant
Secretary - Karina Cammarano
Treasurer - Aydan Farias
SGA Rep - two vacancies

COURTNEY HALL
President - Rebecca Kennedy
Vice President - vacant *
Secretary - vacant *
Treasurer - vacant *
SGA Rep - Darian Weldon, Brianna Peloso, two vacancies

DAVIS HALL
President - Brendan McKee
Vice President - Tyler Normandin
Secretary - vacant *
Treasurer - vacant *
SGA Rep - Rose Ferraro, one vacancy

DICKINSON HALL
President - Aaron Sylvia
Vice President - Mark LeDuc
Secretary - vacant *
Treasurer - Tre Barros
SGA Rep - three vacancies

LAMMERS HALL
President - Tyrel Wood
Vice President - Ryan Schmitt
Secretary - Isabelle Harker
Treasurer - Kendall Dunbar
SGA Rep - Taylor Saltmarsh, Bailey Tolliday, Brian DeMars

LANSDOWNE PLACE
President - Caitlin Macauley
Vice President - vacant *
Secretary - Ryan MacRae
Treasurer - Jillian Tardi
SGA Rep - Priscilla Aguilar, one vacancy

NEW HALL
President - Cleston Fleming
Vice President - Emily Mason
Secretary - Caitlin Loud
Treasurer - Chas Hodgdon
SGA Rep - Marlon Bryan, three vacancies

SCANLON HALL
President - Christopher Charest
Vice President - Katie Leblanc
Secretary - Jen Shea
Treasurer - Hannah Borghetti
SGA Rep - three vacancies *

UNIVERSITY HALL
President - Lakiyah Russell
Vice President - vacant *
Secretary - vacant *
Treasurer - vacant *
SGA Rep - Molly Romano, Danielle Conveno, Taylar Ruell, Haley Caisse

The Hall Councils were chosen last week during elections on Sept. 16 and 17.

There was an average of ten percent voter participation in the elections, according to Jessica Hufnagle, director of residence education for the Department of Residence Life. Polling was done differently this year.

"We started to do the one-place polling which is great because of those that have meal plans," said Hufnagle.

She added, "It publicizes the elections."

Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, expressed disappointment about the many vacancies on the Hall Councils, especially with the SGA representatives.

"I wish we could have elected more SGA reps and hall council officers, but I am confident that the appointment process will work and we will get people in place before the middle of October," he said.

"Half of those vacancies will be filled," said Hufnagle, citing the many positions where there were enough write-ins that could be certified.

"I wish we could have more time to give the candidates the ability to campaign," said Clark.

There are only a couple of weeks for turn-around time between signature papers being released and the actual election, said Hufnagle.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hall Council, be sure to contact your residence director or Hufnagle at jhufnagle@westfield.ma.edu.

crime log

On Sept. 10, 2014, a larceny occurred from 3:14 p.m. to 4:35 p.m. at the Horace Mann Center. The case remains open.

A simple assault occurred on Sept. 10 at 10:05 p.m. at the Woodward Center. the case remains open.

A drug law violation occurred on Davis Road at 11:49 p.m. on Sept. 11. A citation was issued.

On Sept. 13 at 11:01 p.m., a liquor law violation occurred in Dickinson Hall. It was referred to Student Conduct.

Another liquor law violation occurred on Sept. 14 at 12:04 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. It was also referred to Student Conduct.

A liquor law violation and trespass occurred on Sept. 14 at 12:18 a.m. A trespass notice was issued for both incidents.

A drug law violation occurred on the campus green on Sept. 14 at 1:14 a.m. A citation was issued.

Two drug law violations occurred in the Lammers Hall Lot on Sept. 14 at 2:26 a.m. and 2:45 a.m. respectively. Citations were issued in both cases.

A larceny occurred from 3 p.m. to 5:06 p.m. in Dickinson on Sept. 15. The case is still open.

An incident of harassment occurred on Sept. 17 at 8:41 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is still open.

A drug law violation occurred in the Lammers Hall Lot on Sept. 19 at 10:52 a.m. A citation was issued.

An incident of simple assault occurred from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Davis Hall on Sept. 18. It was reported on Sept. 19 and was referred to Student Conduct.

A liquor law violation occurred on Sept. 19 at 7:57 p.m. in Davis Hall. It was referred to Student Conduct.

A drug law violation occurred on Sept. 19 at 8:16 p.m. in the Commuter Lot. It was also referred to Student Conduct.

Another liquor law violation occurred on Sept. 19 at 9:55 p.m. in the Scanlon Hall. It was referred to Student Conduct.

A drug law violation occurred in Dickinson Hall on Sept. 19 at 10:29 p.m. It was referred to Student Conduct.

Another drug law violation occurred in the Juniper Park Lot on the same day at 10:30 p.m. It was also referred to Student Conduct.

A liquor law violation occurred in Scanlon Hall on Sept. 19 at 10:40 p.m. It was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 20 at 12:23 a.m., a liquor and drug law violation occurred in the Dickinson Hall Gazebo. Both incidents were referred to Student Conduct.

Two drug law violations occurred on Sept. 20 at 1:05 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. Both were referred to Student Conduct.

Another drug law violation occurred in the Dickinson Hall Gazebo at 1:35 a.m. on Sept. 20. It was referred to Student Conduct.

A liquor law violation occurred on Ely Road on Sept. 20 at 1:49 a.m. It was referred to Student Conduct.

A larceny occurred from 12:05 a.m. to 9:39 a.m. in Scanlon Hall on Sept. 20. It remains open.

Harassment occurred in the form of phone calls on Sept. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. It remains open.

A liquor law violation occurred on Sept. 20 at 8:26 p.m. on Wilson Road. It was referred to Student Conduct.

A liquor law violation and drug law violation occurred in Lammers Hall on Sept. 20 at 9:56 p.m. Both were referred to Student Conduct.

At the same time and date, a drug law violation occurred in Scanlon Hall. It was also referred to Student Conduct.

Another drug law violation and liquor law violation combination occurred in the Lammers Hall Lot on Sept. 20 at 10:50 p.m. Both incidents were referred to Student Conduct.

A liquor law violation occurred on Sept. 20 at 11:22 p.m. on the Courtney Access Road. It was referred to Student Conduct.

A drug law violation occurred on Sept. 21 at 1:42 a.m. in the Commuter Lot. A citation was issued.

A drug law violation occurred on the same day at 2:32 a.m. on Scanlon Road. A trespass was issued.

Between Sept. 10 and Sept. 21, six cases were left open, five citations were issued, eighteen incidents were referred to Student Conduct, and two trespass orders were issued.

from the voice vault

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iTunes & AIM, a campus-legal alternative to Kazaa!

"THE LEFT-HANDED ELEPHANT" BY DAVID PAGEAU VOICE COLUMNIST

Guess what? It is now time for me to take a long-deserved break from politics considering all of us have had such a huge dosage of it over the past few weeks. Next to politics, one of my main hobbies is computers, and next to computers is music. So why not combine both!? If you are computer literate at all, then many of you download and listen to music on computers on a regular basis, regardless of genre. Personally, I am far too elite for programs like Kazaa and other spyware ridden peer-to-peer programs. When I am at home I use a clean, invisible, reliable peer-to-peer program called "BitTorrent" that allows you to download entire albums of music, applications, games, and movies at astounding rates. However, this program is peer-to-peer so it is not permitted on campus, so DO NOT use it and tell the IT guys that the left-handed elephant kid said it was okay. So while on campus it seems like we are stuck when it comes to listening to music without, GASP, spending money on it. I know, I can't bring myself to spend my cash on music either.

So where is the alternative you say? Well, here you go. Since I have an iPod, thanks to the generosity of my loving girlfriend, I also have iTunes, which is a free music program that you can download online. I hate Steve Jobs, Macintosh, Apple, Banything, but I absolutely love iTunes for the simple fact that it is the best music program on the face of the planet. iTunes is easy to use, sorts your music for you, and best of all, you can share your music with anyone on the same network. That means that after a long night at The Voice, I can go back to my room, open up iTunes, and listen to music on someone else's computer. That, my friends, is awesome! But somehow, I am still not very impressed and if you are normal, you shouldn't be either ...

You know why? Because we are Americans! We are greedy, love breaking the rules, and want to own the entire world. As of right now I have the third largest collection of songs gigabyte-wise in Scanlon Hall and I want more! I want to be number one, even though I have heard that some kids have upwards of twenty gigabytes of music on their computers. iTunes doesn't allow you to directly download others music, obviously, so instead pouting college students have started to think outside of the box. Instead of labeling their music "Bob's Music" people are beginning to put their AOL Instant Messenger names in their stead. The reason? Because downloading through AIM direct connection is still legal on campus and EXTREMELY fast. Just today I transferred the *Requiem for a Dream* soundtrack to another Scanlon resident in ten seconds flat in exchange for an older Modest Mouse album I had been eyeballing in his library. That sounds like a good trade to me, and it was completely, 100% legal. Take that, Westfield State College Technology Department!

My advice to the music lovers of the Westfield State College community would be to get your money's worth of your bogus five hundred dollar "technology fee" this school lacks on by getting at least five hundred dollars worth of music. Hey, it is only fair. So here is what you do: Go online to iTunes.com, download the program, add your music library no matter how large or small it is, make sure your iTunes folder is your screen name, and go nuts with sharing, the completely legal way.

I guess in a way this article was somewhat political, and in a strange way kept to the reason why I started writing this column. I mean it's all about sticking it to the man, i.e. the music companies, and Westfield State IT brass with their Nazi-like, anti-file sharing policies, isn't it? I guess it is also an excuse for this campus to be united by something other than baseball and lame riots. Or at least I hope so ...

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Varsity On Scoring Rampage Against Nichols

In a non-conference game the WSC basketball team romped to a record high 109-70 victory over Nichols College. Working effectively from both the outside and the inside, the Owl's played their best offensive game of the season.

Co-captain, Ron Knowe, directed most of the first half drive and his leadership enabled the O's to score easily. Whenever Nichols College coach Tim Cooney went to his man-to-man defense, the Owl's scored repeatedly on driving lay-ups or tap-ins. When Nichols went to its 2-1-2 zone defense, the O's outside shooters, Alex Popp, Ray Glyno, and Ed "Gunner" Matulewicz, quickly started shooting from twenty feet.

By half-time Westfield had opened a 17 point lead. Once the second half opened, the determined Owls continued to pour in the points. Ray Glynn scored on two consecutive tap-ins and Alex Popp continued his shooting from all over the court. Freshman guards, Alex Borelli with 12 points, and Doug Tierney with 10 points, seemed to fit in well with the fastbreaking veteran Owls.

With about eight minutes left in the game, coach Cooney of Nichols, ordered his men to press the Owls. However, this only resulted in two fast break lay-ups by Alex Borelli.

Dan Donahue, Ray Glynn, who played his best game of the season, and Wayne Morse controlled the boards throughout the game and as a result the Owls took 91 shots and made 44. to contrast, Nichols scored on only 22 of 70 shots.

Defensively, the O's played a creditable game as was evidenced by Alex Popp's block of Tim Schaunessy's attempted jump-shot late in the first half. The Owl's defense was centered around the 3-2 zone which applied constant pressure to the Nichols club.

Westfield Co-captain Bob Farias suffered a back injury during the game against Nichols College. Bob was "rushed" to Noble Hospital.

For the Owl's, Alex Popp scored 31, Ray Glynn 25, and Dan Donahue 14, Alex Borelli and Doug Tierney hit double figures. Tim Schaunessey and Tom Innis hit double figures for Nichols.

The game was marred by an accident which saw Owl co-captain, Bob Farias taken to the hospital with an injured back. However, Bob only pulled a back muscle and no serious injury was incurred.

The Owl's broke three records in their phenomenal scoring spree. They scored the most points by an Owl team, (109) the most points scored in a half (56), and the most baskets from the floor (45).

Contact **Joshua Clark** or **Andrew Burke**, editors-in-chief, to set up an appointment to peer through fifty-plus years of Westfield State news, opinions, arts & entertainment, and sports from Westek to **The Westfield Voice**.

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opinions & editorials

Westfield State student T.J. Hall '15 embeds himself with Eric Lesser for Senate campaign

T.J Hall
Voice Columnist

I first met Eric Lesser at a lecture on campus. After getting to know him on a personal level, I knew the people of Western Massachusetts had to see what I had seen: a gentleman who had integrity, dedication, and a strategic plan to revive the region we call home.

After learning of Mr. Lesser's plans to improve Western Massachusetts, I decided to volunteer on his campaign for the summer. As a current senior at Westfield State University, I knew that for me to stay in my hometown of Springfield after graduation, I would need a quality job, which at present is difficult to find in our region.

Mr. Lesser and his campaign team welcomed me with open arms. In particular, they provided me with the opportunity to put the skill and knowledge I had learned as a Communication major at WSU to contribute to the greater good.

I'm grateful to Michael Clark, Lee Morrow, Sharon Durkan, Brianna Johnson, and all the dedicated people I met during this experience.

During the last seven weeks of the summer I made hundreds of phone calls, entered data, and helped to promote Eric's efforts of making positive change for Western Massachussetts. I especially enjoyed the phone calls, as they gave me the opportunity to speak with voters and "spread the word" that positive change can indeed take place.

Many people had specific questions regarding Mr. Lesser's plan for a high-speed rail link between Springfield and Boston, which would help jumpstart high-tech manufacturing in Western Massachussetts.

At times I spoke with voters who wanted to donate to the campaign or have a sign placed on their property. These calls excited me, for I realized that there is a consensus with residents of our region to rebuild what once existed; a strong local economy and the opportunity for everyone to live a quality life. It was an experience I will treasure throughout my lifetime.

Before the close of the summer, I was able to meet such influential public figures as Mrs. Kitty Dukakis and Governor Deval Patrick. The Governor is a great man who has given so much to public education, from which I have benefited greatly, and I know Eric Lesser will work just as hard to ensure high quality public education.

From left to right, Eric Lesser (Democrat), Governor Deval Patrick, T.J Hall

A synopsis of this extraordinary experience is that I heard, I met, and now know a gentleman who will promote a new era of prosperity in Western Mass: Eric Lesser. I'm confident that citizens of Western Mass will join so many others in supporting Eric on November 4.

Apple's iOS 8; Not the update we deserve, and definitely not the one we need

Aleixa Gagnon
Voice Reporter

To anyone with an iPhone, the word update can either be a big deal, or a not-so-big deal. In the case of iOS 8, the supposedly "biggest update since iOS 7", it is a pretty big deal. At least, according to twitter and countless online blogs and websites, including the ones that you swear you get viruses just from thinking about visiting, this was a big deal.

Like any stereotypical iPhone user, I decided, "Gee, I probably should update, I guess this one is super cool." So I did. Right off the hat I realized this was going to be a painful process based on the fact that the update requires 4.6 GB (or in my case, 5.1 GB, which was odd since everyone else seemed to only need 4.6 GB) in order to update.

The process began with me transferring all of my beloved photos, music, apps, etc. in order to begin downloading. Now, the update only involves changes with the photo and messaging aspects of the phone, so I was not expecting it to take an hour and forty-three minutes for the download to prepare.

Yes. An hour. And forty-three minutes.

I am not exaggerating; I started my download at 7:50 and it finished at 9:33.

So, once it finally was prepared and ready for downloading (and to be honest, once it was I did not even want it anymore) I typed in my password and prepared for the long awaited update. One would hope that after waiting so long for the download to prepare itself, that the changes would be colossal and fantastic, like the complete redecoration of the system that was brought to us by iOS 7. These changes may not be visual, but they must be worth it, right?

They are okay. The changes are small, and not very noticeable; the messaging system hasn't exactly changed. If you hit the details button in the corner of a text message, you can change the name of your group chat or text.

For example, I could call my group message THE GM, Best Buds, or whichever silly, corny stupidity you prefer. Another change is that you can record voice memos within your text message and then send it. Because iPhone clearly did not have voice memos already... (Insert obvious sarcasm here). The rest of the changes are pretty dull.

When you double click your home button in order to clear out apps and close them completely, you can see your most recent text conversations by name and picture. Or, if you do not use icons and pictures for your friends like most people, it is just a grey circle.

The photo updates are just confusing to look at and will make you a wee bit frustrated. Why would anyone want to see their photos through years, days, etc.?

You can now put a picture on your keyboard by going to settings -> keyboard -> color keys, or something like that (I for one have not tried yet), so I guess that is interesting.

If you are in an app, and you receive a text, you can answer it right then and there but that is about as good as it gets. All the other supposed great features, such as 4-way Face Time, new emojis, and message/photo lock, are all lies. The biggest lie, and probably the funniest, is the Wave hoax. Ah yes, the beloved Wave hoax.

Someone, somewhere, with an incredible sense of humor and a genius mind, created this elaborate ad stating that once iOS 8 was downloaded, one would be able to microwave their iPhone to charge it.

I know, it is ridiculous, but people actually fell for this. People actually microwaved their phones. The glitches in iOS 8 are seemingly never-ending: the freezing, the auto-tilt spasms, being unable to clear notifications or swipe them away when they pop up, the battery drainage, and more.

Now the internet is in an uproar over what a let down this update really is. Some are saying, "Go home iOS 8, you're drunk." "Can't wait for the next update to fix all these glitches made from iOS 8."

And my personal favorite, "I wish Apple had told us iOS 8 was still in BETA testing." So for those who still have not updated and are debating it, I would say this: do it if you want, really, but the changes are so minuscule and the glitches so prominent that it would be best to wait until they create an update to solve all these problems.

This has got to be the epitome of first world problems.

In an exclusive interview with The Voice, Evan Falchuk commits to lowering higher ed costs

Louis Katz
Voice Columnist

Evan Falchuk at a parade at the Big E.

Evan Falchuk speaking at Suffolk University.

During an interview conducted at the Big E, Evan Falchuk, candidate for Massachusetts Governor, enthusiastically answered questions about the cost of higher education. In comparison to his rivals, Charlie Baker and Martha Coakley, Falchuk discussed loan forgiveness plans as part of his immediate plan for those students who are "in it." He also discusses how there needs to be ways for students to restructure their payments, making it easier to pay back their loans over time.

As for the long-term process of lowering the cost of higher education, Falchuk discussed the need to change how the government gives money to colleges and universities. The current federal programs give easy access to credit. "Easy access to credit has created an almost arms race for colleges and universities to build bigger and ever more spectacular facilities, and to be paying a lot of money for administrators and other people who can help bring in that kind of money, and that is what is driving up the cost," Falchuk states, adding, "We need to put a lid on that kind of stuff."

Falchuk also discusses how any student that graduates from a Massachusetts high school should be able to go to community college for free.

In response to Coakley and Baker's plans for increasing public-private partnerships between employers and universities, Falchuk stated, "That stuff sounds good, but I don't know what it means at the end of the day; it's really not supposed to mean all that much. It's supposed to sound like 'Hey! I got a plan.'" According to Falchuk, this answer is simply politics and a way for the candidates to answer the question without giving much substance.

Falchuk discusses how Coakley is in the current administration and she is not taking these problems seriously. Falchuk concluded, "Why do we have to elect her governor in order to do what should be happening already?" In response to Baker, he states how "Republicans are not exactly known for saying 'let's spend more money on programs where it's needed.'"

Falchuk concludes that the state needs "to get out of this Democrat versus Republican paradigm and move forward."

Falchuk's plan for lowering the cost of higher education looks at both the immediate solution for paying back loans, and the long-term solution of lowering the cost of higher education, something neither Coakley nor Baker have done in their plans to lower the cost of higher education.

"Obama and the 'Islamic State'"

Louis Katz
Voice Columnist

Ohama's rhetoric on Sept. 10 exemplified the lack of any new ideas in fighting terrorism.

One hears jargon such as, "America's worked with allies to provide humanitarian support... and to shape a politicai settlement... we cannot resolve someone else's civil war through force." This quotation was not from Obama's speech about ISIS, however, but was made one year ago in Obama's speech in which he longed for public support and congressional approval to conduct military airstrikes in Syria.

What is different about this call for force than that one? Our enemy has changed from an illegitimate government to that government's enemy; a terrorist organization that likes to think of itself as a government. In other words, our enemy's enemy is now also our enemy: ISIL. ISIL is the name used by the Obama Administration to refer to the terrorist group that calls itself the "Islamic State." ISIL stands for "Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant." Althougb I do not argue that it is proper to adhere to a terrorist organization's demands in regards to the name in which it bestows upon itself, I understand the importance of calling them the "Islamic State."

I recognize their self-appointed name because it illustrates and instills the fear in which the organization proudly earned. They will not stop in Iraq, Syria, or the Levant. Islamic State wants to conquer all of the Islamic world and "re"-establish an Islamic caliphate. Overall, Obama's speech narrated the same strategy that has been told to tbe people of the world over and over again. The story is endless because there are no new solutions.

Airstrikes cannot defeat the enemy by themselves and the resistance on the ground to ISIS is weak. If the West acts alone in fighting ISIS, the people of the Middle East will only see the West's actions as an illustration and repetition of imperialism.

The countries in the region (of course under American supervision), which Obama calls to take action, need to rid the world of the cancer that we know as ISIS.

President Obama chose a strategy, which lies in the middle of both extremes. The hawks, like John McCain, wail tbat if the United States only stayed in Iraq longer, or if the United States armed the moderate Syrian rebels earlier, ISIS would never have come into existence.

Then there are those who are doves. Doves believe in diplomacy and only using force when it is absolutely necessary. Obama, thought to be a dove when he first ran for president, listened to both sides of the aisle and yet chose a third course. Not a politically motivated course, but a rational course. No combat troops on the ground upsets the hawks.

The doves, whether isolationists who wish to stay out of the conflict or those like Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy who believes the United States should not bomb inside Syria, disagree with Obama as well. Obama makes rational decisions. He is a "reluctant leader" according to David Brooks in his article in the New York Times on Sept. 12.

Reluctance and doubt make Obama the strong leader he is today. Those from the conservative side of the aisle call Obama weak. They drool over the dominant and forceful Vladimir Putin. However, the typical traits one associates with a strong leader give rise to carelessness and impulsive decisions. George Bush's passion materialized in an impulsive invasion of Iraq.

Clearly neither Bush, nor one of his advisors, thought about the consequences of the invasion. Anyone with some historical knowledge of the region knows of the inevitability of sectarian violence. Bush and his advisers failed because of their extreme passion and ignorance. A real leader is patient and considers the possibility of inaction. Action does not always lead to good results. Sometimes the cost of action outweighs the cost of inaction. President Obama is a real leader.

editorial

The green and the globe need some attention now before the spring

The Westfield State University campus is one that is marvelous to look at while visiting. The new University Hall is one of the newest and most modern in the state and construction for a brand new science building started this week.

However, simple things that take away from the WSU student experience can be easily renovated.

The seemingly year-long grass restoration process in front of Ely Hall was worth the investment as the grass has grown in full and it looks as if it could be used in an advertisement for the university itself.

Right behind this new grass though is a perfect dirt circle reminiscent of the Oakland Coliseum when flag football games are being played.

The dirt circle has increased as students continue to walk on, around, and through it.

Although it is not a major issue that the university is currently facing, the dirt definitely takes away from the overall appeal of the university itself.

Students can be overhead questioning the university's methods and wondering if they are working to give students the best education possible if they can't take care of some grass.

The university needs to work toward fixing this problem starting in the second semester or it will definitely hinder some high school seniors from choosing Westfield as their home for the next four years.

The globe is the center and focal point of this university and is included in almost every picture that is intended to describe the campus life. Lights shine on it all night and there are no trees or buildings that cast shadows on it. As such a focal point, it should be perfect.

Australia is the one continent that is nonexistent on the planet that the campus revolves around. A metal plate in the shape of the country will give the campus a sense of completion and make the globe and green presentable and exciting for students, faculty, and local residents.

A simple task like completing the globe should be top on the priority list because of its simplicity and importance to the campus as a whole.

Westfield State is a great university to be enrolled in or work for.

Little things like keeping a green full of grass and including all seven continents on the globe that is a focal point of the university will only enhance the feel of the welcoming environment that this establishment provides.

The pros overwhelmingly outweigh the cons for these two instances and it will be received positively by all involved with Westfield State.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Airstrikes begin on Syria

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

The UN Security Council has adopted a binding resolution, compelling nations to take action in preventing their citizens from joining the jihadists in Iraq and Syria. In a meeting chaired by President Obama, the Council said nations need and will prevent the recruitment and financial aiding of the foreign terror organizations.

As a joint US-Arab bombing of oil facilities and strongholds, President Obama urged for a global effort in dissolving the IS "network of death."Obama's resolution was adopted with a unanimous decision.

Meanwhile, our forces have launched increasingly brutal air raids on IS combatants in both Iraq (for over a month now) and for the last few days into Syria as well. On Monday and Tuesday, American air strikes were aided by the participation of the Gulf Arab alliance that provided both military and some financial aid in the efforts to combat IS.

While US-Arab forces continue to fight the IS militants, European leaders like David Cameron are busy rallying support in their own nations for the military. The UK, through Prime Minister Cameron, has recalled Parliament this week to vote on British involvement in the IS conflict.

Both major parties in Parliament have voiced public support for launching air raids in Iraq and Syria, while their foreign affairs office has claimed that at least one citizen has been killed from this conflict.

Prime Minister David Cameron called for all nations to deter all forms of "extremism," including the banning of "preachers of hate" and fighting the "poisonous ideology" of these extremists.

President Obama told the UN council that the words spoken there must be translated into action, to stop the IS threat both within their own nations and abroad. Already 40 nations have offered to join the anti-IS coalition and it seems more support is beginning to show.

Of the main targets for military strikes, President Obama has set priority on weapon depots on the Syrian-Iraq border along with numerous oil fields that have offered IS nearly two million dollars a day in revenue.

However, it must be stated that IS has responded. Jund al-Khilafa, an Algerian jihadist group linked to IS forces, has released a video of which terrorists are shown beheading a French tourist. French President Hollande has condemned the beheading and has declared the group a threat to France.

These beheadings, which have taken the national spotlight in previous weeks, are cowardly and prove how weak these jihadists really are. To behead unarmed tourists and massacre hostages alongside unarmed citizens is truly inhumane and criminal.

IS-ISIL forces have seen great defeats/losses in the last month since President Obama officially launched airstrikes into both Iraq and Syria. As of this week, Iraq has seen over 100 air strikes in the last month, while Syria has seen about 25 in the first two days.

Normally, I would be disagreeing with President Obama on something this big, however IS has proven to be genocidal and essentially an organization of psychopaths.

As long as no American has to set foot as ground forces against these cowards, I will continue to watch as American superior Air forces reminds IS forces in both Iraq and Syria the error of their ways. However, can the same be said for this Sunni heavy coalition? We will have to wait and see.

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TOP 3 FOOD PICKS OF THE WEEK

1. The Hangar - 29 School Street, Westfield, Mass. Some might say it is the best thing to happen to Westfield. Those of us who are 21+ are thanking the stars for providing a pub setting that is actually affordable. The general vibe the Hangar gives off, however, is one for all ages. It is a place that produces a friendly environment, comfort food that is meant to be shared, and great drinks. The pricing is unbelievable, and with a set up geared towards all New England sports, how can one stay away? Be sure to check out this new hot spot that was just opened this past May! As for those die-hard wing fans, every Monday and Tuesday is all you can eat for $6.99! Now go forth and enjoy.

2. Soup's On - 16 Union Ave, Westfield, Mass. Call us biased (because we both eat here way too often), but Soup's On is undoubtedly the hidden gem in Westfield. It is a slightly difficult place to locate, with a strenge set of hours causing it to be over-looked, but if you make the effort to find it, you will be hooked! The restaurant has a similar feel to that of Panera. It caters toward breakfast and lunch with delicious options that are extremely affordable. Everything is created fresh and each soup they offer is homemade! Another huge bonus: they accept owl bucks! So you can spend your parents' money once a week at the best sendwich joint around.

3. The Tunnel Bar - Strong Ave, Northampton, Mass. A top pick because of its change of scenery, this is not your local bar. If you cannot figure it out from the name, this bar is set in an old train tunnel that was built in Northampton. It offers a trendy environment and would make a great date spot if you were looking to switch things up or find a conversation-starting venue. It is definitely more upscale and a little on the pricier side, so we advise going there for a special occasion.

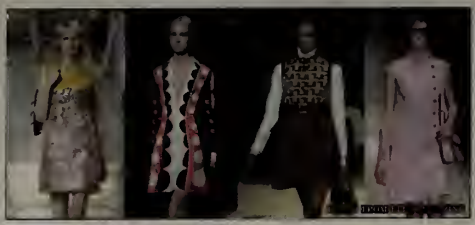
WOMEN'S TRENDS THIS FALL

MAKEUP

- Bronzer is back
- Blue eye accents are in
- Winged liner (bold is better)
- Subtle/natural lip colors
- Nude nail colors

FASHION

What's Out	What's in
• Slip on shoes (Birkenstocks, skater shoes, etc.)	• Wedge heels
• Skinny jeans as a go-to	• Flare-out jeans
• Primery colors: anything bold/bright/neon	• Toned down shades (dark green, purples etc.)
• Hip-hop style sports wear	• Embroidery, textures, etc.
• CROP TOPS (hallelujah!)	• Covering up and being classy
	• 60's inspired anything
	• Knits



The 60's are making a comeback! For what reason, no one is really sure, but this style is hitting the runways in a big way for fall fashion.

Sneakers! Who knew that the head honchos of fashion would ever make a trend other than heels? Well, ladies, get ready because sneakers are the official footwear of this fall!

Plaid is a huge theme in both Fashion Week and the Hollywood Scene. Being "mad for plaid" is in this fall!

These are just a few suggestions of the many that hit Fall Fashion Week hard this year. Other trends include wedge heels, flare jeans, toned-down shades (the color Emerald is very in), and the whole idea of actually covering up.

Samantha Kendall, a.k.a. Skendall, reached her peak in 2012 when she won the superlative "Life of the Party" at Sharon High School. Now a communications major, she focuses her time on meeting new people, overdoing it on social media, downloading new music, and bringing a good time to the table, wherever that may be.

She has high hopes for her future and is constantly brainstorming her career options when it comes to the world of communications. This socialite hopes to bring new material to The Voice that will speak to its readers on the topics she enjoys most. Kendall hopes to bring readers together and share her knowledge when it comes to good music, trends, and everything that pertains to college survival and living life to the fullest.

Hannah Pitman recognized her potential when she came to the realization that she had hit her peak as an official "old" person, a.k.a. a washed-up senior here at Westfield State.

With that in mind, she figured, why not use all the knowledge and skill that Westfield State has given her thus far?

As a communications major, she is a big people person interested in everyone's story and style. She is also an avid "foodie" as well as a hunter of new music end trends.

With a passion for writing end a profession in being awkward, you can guarantee she will contribute some interesting things to the social scene of The Voice!

TOP 20 FAVORITE SONGS THIS WEEK

Samantha Kendall is a passionate music fanatic who spends her days jamming out to the music she discovers weekly on websites such as FreshestMusicNow, HotNewHipHop, FreshNewTracks, and YouTube. Her favorite artist at the moment is none other than Schoolboy Q because of his unbelievable album, "Oxymoron", which was released on Feb. 25, 2014.

Her favorite genres this month include house music, hip-hop and rap. You can find Kendall pretending to be the best DJ Westfield has ever seen, going by her unofficial identity, DJ Skendz.

1) ZHU – Faded
2) BORGEOUS – Invincible
3) TRITONAL Feat. PHOEBE RYAN – Now or Never
4) SEVEN LIONS and MYON & SHANE 54 Feat. TOVLO – Strangers (Paris Blohm Remix)
5) MILEY CYRUS and CEDRIC GERVAIS – Adore You (Remix)
6) DISCLOSURE – LATCH (Stelouse and Curious Kontrol Flip)
7) KEYS N KRATES – Dreamyness
8) KIESZA – Take U There
9) SKRILLEX & KILL THE NOISE – Recess (Flux Pavilion Remix)
10) YUNA – Lullabies (Adventure Club Remix)
11) FOXES – Let Go for Tonight (Kat Krazy Remix)
12) STEVE AOKI Feat. WAKA FLOCKA FLAME – Rage the Night Away (Flosstradamus Remix)
13) DEORRO – Five Hours
14) LOGIC – Ballin
15) 2 CHAINZ Feat. YOUNG THUG - Dresser
16) TORY LANEZ – Mama Told Me
17) SCHOOLBOY Q – Studio
18) LOGIC – Everything I Am
19) TINASHE – Feels Like Vegas
20) P REIGN Feat. DRAKE & FUTURE - DNF

Fall is about fresh starts

Emily Hendrickson
Voice Columnist

It's officially fall. It's that time of year when girls start wearing their fashionable boots, scarves, and leggings. Fall marks a new chapter of a new year. Summer is officially over.

Say goodbye to summer. Summer is a wonderful time of the year, filled with trips to the ocean, cute summer jobs, ice cream, campfires, and summer flings.

It's just a great time to re-invent yourself. At the end of every summer, I always reflect on what I accomplished and learned.

I started off my summer coming home to my amazing family and I couldn't have been happier.

I cut my hair shorter and was ready to embrace what the summer had in store for me. My summer was so unexpected; so unplanned. But easily I could say it was the best summer of my life.

I met new friends, a new guy, and had the best summer job working as camp counselor in my town. I was so different by the end of the summer, that I didn't even recognize myself.

I can partly thank James, a boy from my hometown, for that.

The times I spent with him changed my perspective on everything.

I learned so many lessons this summer.

Those lessons being that, you can accomplish anything if you set your mind to it, you are worth it, and that true friends are so amazing.

These lessons made me realize that fall was approaching. And I was ready to take it on.

Fall is about embracing your lessons from the summer and going into the year fresh, ready to take on any challenge. Fall is a time to start over. Fall is a time to be thankful for another year ahead.

Fall is a time that should be cherished, because I don't know a time more beautiful in the year, when the leaves turn orange and brown.

So this fall, go apple picking, drink apple cider, buy a pumpkin, and wear your favorite Burberry scarf, because fall doesn't last forever. So embrace it.

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was emphasized last Thursday.

University interim president Elizabeth Preston acted as the master of ceremonies and kept the very short program moving.

She was the first to speak and made sure that every person involved in the process—from start to finish—was thanked for their help.

She also emphasized the importance that the building has, not just for the classrooms and new laboratories, but also for the overall look of the campus.

She said, "Not only will our new Science Center contain classrooms, offices and meeting spaces, but its striking design is sure to be a wonderful addition to the Western Avenue streetscape."

Student Government Association President Rebecca DiVico was the next to speak.

"[Students] will have the opportunity to utilize the new study rooms, classrooms, labs and lounges that have been incorporated into the design and to interact with other students while there," said DiVico.

She joked, "Even though I will be graduating in May, I am still excited to watch the building take shape and I must confess, I am a bit envious of first-years, sophomores, and juniors, who will get to use it. Perhaps I will have to come back for graduate school!"

In Gov. Deval Patrick's place, commonwealth secretary of education Matthew Malone spoke off-the-cuff about the Patrick administration's commitment to not only higher education, but also to Westfield State University.

He said, "This is what the future looks like, and the people on this campus are designing the future."

Many of his comments got the audience laughing. "I'm just going to say a few things off-the-cuff here before I get to the stuff I had written down," he said when he started.

His remarks bordered on the emotional side when he spoke about how important higher education is to him.

According to Preston's introduction of Malone, he served as the principal to several different specialty high schools in the Boston area, which served underprivileged students.

Once the remarks were over, the crowd had made their way to watch various dignitaries and officials conduct the official groundbreaking.

The first round included Preston, DiVico, and Malone, but also included representatives from Cambridge Seven and Walsh Brothers; Buzz Hoagland, former president of the MSCA faculty union; Kenneth Lemanski, vice president of government relations; Curt Robie, associate vice president of facilities and operations; amongst others.

The second round included the board of trustees, who donned the hard hats and shovels for the photo op.

The third and final round was made up of university administration and government dignitaries.

Construction equipment moved into the space that is gated off in the Commuter Lot before students moved back to school.

Digging and surveying is happening now.

Architectural drawings and renderings are being completed now while the affected academic departments are still hashing out their spaces within the building.

To conclude her speech, DiVico said, "With the construction of this new building, Westfield State University will offer yet one more great resource to its students."

She ended, "How proud I am to stand with my classmates, friends, professors, and the great folks who support us and proudly declare that 'We are Westfield'."

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University interim president Elizabeth Preston continued the theme of time with her discussion on making use of all the time a student has in college.

She shared with the students that she switched majors in her senior year of undergraduate studies to English at the behest of a professor who would give an unprovoked lecture on "wasting time."

Her remarks were well received by the students in attendance.

The last and most applauded of the speakers was Professor Diane Prusank of the Communication department. A former member of the administration of Westfield State University as the dean of accreditation, she spoke about two different types of seniors.

One type is the "fierce" senior. She described them as the one that has it all figured out, basically the "big bad senior." The other type that she mentioned was the fearful senior. This is the one that is so scared and worried about their future post-Commencement that they end up in her office essentially questioning their lives.

She humorously recited a tirade that a student would launch themselves into in her office with the end result of the hypothetical student changing their major.

The joke was made more humorous by the fact that Preston, who changed her major as a senior, was sitting on the dais.

Furthermore, she encouraged the seniors to be the fierce senior. She told them not to engage in disruptive behaviors like pulling fire alarms, but instead volunteer for community service or be the student she referenced in her story; such as those who are selfless enough to leave a class to help a sick student to their dorm room.

Her speech earned a standing ovation from the students, faculty, and administration present. However, simultaneously and ironically, a grease fire in the residence part of Scanlon caused a fire alarm to go off, forcing those in attendance to evacuate.

The fire alarm was initially drowned out by the applause, but once the clapping started to die down, people were looking around to see what the administrators present were doing.

The convocation attendees were ushered inside after about fifteen minutes but were ushered outside again by an official from Residence Life.

By the time the crowd got back outside again, John Zocco, residence director of New Hall, changed everyone's course again and allowed the attendees to re-enter the hall.

The confusion led to interesting conversations while everyone began digging into the hors d'oeuvres.

At the Student Government Association meeting on Tuesday, Darrach claimed that the event was considered successful regardless of the fire alarm.

arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Anaconda - Nicki Minaj
4. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
5. Bang Bang - Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
6. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
7. Breakfree - Ariana Grande ft. 2edd
8. Maps - Maroon 5
9. Rude - MAGIC!
10. Boom Clap - Charli XCX

top 10 albums

1. Anomaly - Lecrae
2. V - Maroon 5
3. Souled Out - Jhene Aiko
4. Ryan Adams - Ryan Adams
5. I Don't Dance - Lee Brice
6. Seen It All: The Autobiography - Jeezy
7. El Pintor - Interpol
8. Where It'd At - Dustin Lynch
9. Gaurdians Of The Galaxy: Awsome Mix Vol. 1 - Soundtrack
10. Lullaby And...The Ceaseless Roar - Robert Plant

box office

1. The Maze Runner
2. A Walk Amoung the Tombstones
3. This if Where I Leave You
4. No Good Deed
5. Dolphin Tale 2
6. TGaurdins of the Galaxy
7. Let's Bo Cops
8. teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
9. The Drop
10. if I Stay

upcoming releases

1. Chef
2. Transformers: Age of Extinction
3. Are You Here
4. Cold in July
5. Decoding Annie Parker
6. Hellion
7. Ivory Tower
8. Space Station
9. Third Person
10. Thunder and the House of Magic

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

The Big Expectation

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

I have heard a lot about the Big E from my parents and friends. They told me that it is a great experience and a lot of fun. I heard that there are booths, rides and great food. I never went to the Big E because I never found the time, but this year my parents took me and I went with the biggest expectations.

When arriving at the Big E, I did not expect to see what I saw. It is a huge place centered like a town. It has rows of booths on either side, which offer many different items to buy. There are buildings where vendors present different products. The demonstrators are sometimes aggressive with their sale techniques. One guy nearly attacked me with shoe cleaner and then shoved the stuff in my hand telling me to buy it.

I refused and then ended up walking around with one clean shoe. There was one building called the Stroh Building, which had many animals in it. I got to see baby chicks hatching before my eyes.

The food options were so diverse and scattered all over the place. In the buildings there is Dunkin Donuts and outside there is seafood, Chinese, and various sandwich shops. What I found interesting was that they had fried rattlesnake and alligator. I liked the Big E because it was fun to look around the different stores and products like the Sushi Maker or the expandable container lid.

I also feel that if you are not going to buy something then it is pointless to go. The Big E is a huge expenditure and everything you do is costly, so if you are not going to buy anything, it will be boring for you.

I did not like how you have to pay for the rides. I saw one ride in which you sit in an enclosed seat and move like a Ferris wheel, only faster and sometimes upside down. I was ready to go on only to be crushed that I had to pay for tickets. I feel as though if I am paying to go to this fair, then the rides should be a part of that cost. You do not have to pay extra to go on rides at Six Flags.

I heard about the New England buildings from my mom, where they have one building for each state with their signature foods. I was looking forward to this because I wanted to see each state building, but found they were far too crowded. As soon as I walked in I knew I had made a huge mistake because I could barely walk. The buildings were far too narrow, so everybody was pushed together. I could not even look at anything because if I did, I would have been trampled to death. In the Rhode Island building I was lucky enough to get past the ravaging crowd to buy one overpriced clam cake.

The Big E is a place where you go and buy things, but if you have nothing to buy, then why go? I liked looking at the different products and watching the chicks, but hated how crowded it was.

I think my expectation was that there would be more to do other than shopping, but there was not.

Did Taylor Swift Sell Out?

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

By no means do I consider myself an authority on music or even Taylor Swift for that matter. But having "grown up" with her musical career, it bears noting that where we are and where we were are two completely different places.

Could it be that her career spans two different U.S. presidencies, or that she has become jaded by her failed relationships, or has she sold out? We start our musical journey in 2006 with her release "Teardrops On My Guitar" off of her eponymous (and first) album. A very gentle song with acoustic guitars and a light drum track with some background vocals.

It is a nice, little song about how this boy "Drew" that she is in love with is in another relationship with someone else. The chorus sings, "He's the reason for the teardrops on my guitar..." It is the beginning of her relationship problems I suppose. (Side note: When I was in high school, my entire track team sang this song out loud on the way to our meets in Northampton, so I am completely over this song.)

Two years later, she released "Fearless," an album that had the megahit "You Belong With Me." This song is more uppity with a peppier drum line and some electric and acoustic guitars. It has a more pop song feel to it as if it had the influence of a record company focus group.

She compares herself to the girlfriend of her male "best friend." How she is on the bleachers while the girlfriend is on the cheer team or how she is listening to the music that the girlfriend does not like. "What you've been looking for has been here the whole time" is the beginning of a descent into what becomes Swift's catty lyric writing and competition between other girls.

If this were a real-life situation, I can picture Swift manipulating this boy into breaking up his girlfriend. It is very unrealistic. The influences of her break-ups are incredibly evident in the song "Mean," off of her 2010 album "Speak Now."

"Someday I'll be living in a big old city and all you're ever going to be is mean," is the first line of her chorus. It harks to a time when an ex-boyfriend told her that she would never make it as a country star.

Two songs off of the 2012 album "Red" are directly about this topic. "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" and "I Knew You Were Trouble" are about ex-boyfriends that gave her grief.

In the first aforementioned, all of the verses and choruses are about things this particular ex-boyfriend that broke her heart and "made her stronger."

In "I Knew You Were Trouble," she talks about how she was found by this boy but the boy did not show too much interest toward her "but [she] guess [she] didn't care." If Swift knew that "[he was] trouble when [he] walked in," why did she date him? I am not even going to attack the latest ridiculous song that she released. The question that runs through my mind is, what do Swift's songs do for women (or men) who hear them?

In my view, absolutely nothing. It is almost like Swift is the victim in every situation. Whenever she releases a new song, I feel like it is about some sort of breakup that she has had. Since the first breakup song that she wrote, which in my opinion was "Mean," became a radio hit, she kept doing them. I would be curious to see what the men in the breakups had to say about what Swift was like in a relationship because I feel like they would have a completely different story.

I know if it were me, I would be cautious to enter into a relationship with her knowing that I will have a song written about me.

Albert and Amelia Interfaith Center

Westfield State University Newman Club

What is the Newman Club?

The Newman Club is named after John Henry Newman (1801-1890), a Catholic Cardinal known for his ministry to college students. The Westfield State University Newman Club is just one of many Newman organizations found at universities all over the United States and the world.

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Maple Syrup: The Gold of Northern New England

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While the sugar maple tree can he found throughout New England, the product that it yields is most commonly associated with the northern-most states of the region: Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. I am, of course, referring to the wonderfully sweet and rich product that is maple syrup.

As far hack as the pre-colonial days of American history, maple sugaring has heen a culturally honored tradition. The Native Americans are among the first recorded peoples to have produced maple syrup.

The process of producing maple syrup hegins with the tree itself. Maple syrup can he derived from a number of different maple trees, such as the sugar maple, the red maple, and the hlack maple.

Starch is stored in the trunks and roots of these trees during the colder months of the year and during the spring the starch is converted into sugar that presents itself in the sap of the tree.

The trees are then tapped hy horing holes into the trunks and the exuding sap is collected. Heat is then utilized to evaporate the majority of water in the sap and what remains is the concentrated syrup.

This process was adopted and refined in the colonial days by European settlers and maple syrup soon hecame the widely popular product it is today.

In the modern age, as far as production is concerned, the Canadian province of Quehec is the largest producer of maple syrup in the world, generating about three quarters of the world's output. In the United States, Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup. I'm sure all of you have tasted and fallen in love with Vermont maple syrup at some point in your lives. It is the hest commercially produced syrup in the nation and continues to hoost the economy of the Green Mountain State.

But what of smaller operations? As I mentioned last week, my trip up to New Hampshire concluded with a lovely hreakfast of farmhouse scramhled eggs, hlackherry muffins and pancakes, and homemade maple syrup.

Well, as promised, I shall delve into more detail. The family friends I was visiting live up in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, which sits on the northeastern most point of Lake Winnipesaukee.

It is a relatively rural and vast area, covered in towering pine trees, green mountains, rivers, inlets, and wide open fields. Our friends own roughly 47 acres of land in a part of town called Moultonhorough Neck, a large parcel of land that juts out into the lake.

The house on the property is seated atop a steep hill and overlooks a small fish pond and the woods heyond. A short Gator ride down the hill and into the woods lays a small wooden shack with four small windows, a large door, and a metal chimney pipe exiting the shingled roof.

Before I move on, a Gator is a utility vehicle manufactured hy John Deere and is popular amongst landowners, for those of you who didn't know. Moving on, inside the shack is a large 50 lite vat sitting over a heat source.

The steam created when hoiling the sap is channeled through a pipe and exits out the chimney.

Maple sugaring season is declared during March, when the spring thaw sets in.

This past March, however, produced very little sap due to the fact that the thaw set in late hecause of the extended spout of cold weather. Nonetheless, the syrup that accompanied that fantastic hreakfast was some of the best I've ever tasted.

As far as food grading is concerned, there are four grades in terms of maple syrup: Grade A Light Amher, Grade A Medium Amber, Grade A Dark Amher, and Grade B.

The grade of the homemade syrup I had the pleasure of tasting was light amher. Though I prefer the richer, dark amber syrups, the light amher grade I sampled perfectly complemented the pancakes and muffins served with it.

However, I was instructed to top my vanilla ice cream with the syrup and the combination was ahsolutely heavenly.

You don't have to travel all the way up to the northern New England states to get your hands on high quality maple syrup, though I would highly recommend travelling if you're looking for an entertaining way to spend a weekend.

Still, you can find excellent grades of quality maple syrup in almost any supermarket or farm stand. However, if it's the homemade stuff you're after, I would suggest searching for areas with an abundance of local farms or, if you are inclined and interested to do so, make your own.

I know there is a farm in Russell, the town just west of campus, which advertises the sale of homemade maple syrup. I have yet to try it, hut rest assured I will he doing so soon!

I'm taking a hreak from providing recipes this week, hut rest assured they will return next week.

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

Schedule for 89.5 WSKB Westfield

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 - 8 am		"Community Corner" with Diana Mclean	"WOW! It's Tuesday!" with Bob Plasse & Jay Pagluica	"Wake up, Wednesday" with Tina Gorman	"The Westfield News Radio Show" with Patrick Berry	"J.P.'s Talk About Town" with Jay Pagluica	"Pioneer Valley Polka Party" with Wayne Smith
8 - 10 am		"Commuter Radio" with Luis Arzola	"Owls on the Air" with Michael 'Buster' McMahon	"Mornings with Mayor Dan" with Mayor Dan Knapik	"Sports Talk and Office Hours" with Patrick Berry		"Wayne's World of Music and Memories" with Wayne Smith
10 - 12 pm	"Back in Time" with James Sandman						
12 - 2 pm	"Synthpop and Nonsense" with Sam Doe and Not-Max	Matt Sturdevant	"Owls Sports Show" with Anthony Swanson & Devin Bates		"Listening to the Left" with Erika Hayden	"The Escapist" w/ Justin Fernandes	"EDogg 413's Bow Down Throwback Jamz" with Emmett Witherspoon
2 - 4 pm		"Carson's Classics" w/ Carson Barcome			"Corsi's Crease" with Jack Corsi	Office Hours	"The Derplery" with Dick Scott and Friends
4 - 6 pm	Tim O'Malley	"Kiana & Alisha" w/ Kiana Lowe & Alisha Delissaint	"Hip Hop with Mike" with Michael Barry	"Sports Talk" with Nic Odell	"2 DJs 1 Show" with Bryce Foumier and Cam Brett	"Hip Hip Hooradio" with Liz Curran	
6 - 8 pm	"VAM!" w/ Annie Cisek, Victoria Silkonis & Marissa Cremin	"Jam!" with Aaliyah Mercer, Joseph Seal and Michael Norman	"Music Through the Decades" w/ Matt Chadwick	"The P-Rice Show" with Pat Rice		"What's the Beef" w/ Josh Blayer, Cam Lewis & Brian Plumb	
8 - 10 pm		"Hip Hop Hour" with Charles Darby	"WSCH" with Nathan and Steve	"Nostalgic Future" w/ Jake Lehan & Anthony Duarte	"Clarklin on the Radio" with Josh Clark and Matt Carlin	"The Brick House" w/ Moses Moe	
10 - 12am	Rory Barbarisi		"The Time Warp" with Sam Weinberg and Alex Carini	"Sabrina & Ed" w/ Sabrina Farley & Ed Bloom		"Nunu & Crew" with Nick Anson and Scott Nikon	

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owls athletics

Grant, St. Cyr share MASCAC honors

WSU Athletic Department

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Senior Amanda Grant finished the game against Fitchburg State with a hat trick. She and freshman Michaela St. Cyr, who scored her first goal, shared MASCAC honors this week.

Senior Amanda Grant (Westfield/ Westfield, Mass) scored a hat trick to help the Westfield State University women's soccer team defeat Fitchburg State University 6-0 in their first MASCAC conference game Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field.

The first goal was scored in the 22nd minute with help from Sarah Sypek (Hampshire Regional/Westhampton, Mass.) who's shot hit the post and landed perfectly for Grant to boot in. Just two minutes later Grant received a looping pass from Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro/ North Attlehoro Mass.) to score from the left side.

Grant's third goal was ten seconds into the second half and Kate Matroni (Minechaug/Hampden, Mass.) assisted. Just four minutes later Matroni scored an unassisted goal.

Sarah Sypek scored on a counter attack 20 minutes later. The final goal was attributed to Michaela St. Cyr (Lynn St. Mary's/Saugus, Mass.) with help from Ashley Bovat (Westfield/Westfield, Mass.) and Ali Blanchette (Palmer/ Palmer, Mass.) with just a minute and change left on the regulation clock.

Westfield out shot Fitchburg 30-4 and held the Falcons with out a shot on goal.

Fitchburg's Kelsey Ford made 10 saves in goal.

The Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics Conference, for their performances last week, has honored fellow forwards Grant and St. Cyr with conference co-players of the week.

Grant earned co-player of the week honors after a three-goal performance in the Owls 6-0 win over Fitchburg State. She tallied a natural hat trick scoring the match's first three goals. She leads the Owls in scoring this season with seven goals through Westfield's first seven matches.

St. Cyr netted her first collegiate goal to cap the scoring in the Owls win over Fitchburg on Saturday. St. Cyr's goal came of a good hustle play after Ali Blanchette launched a long hall to the top of the penalty area. Ashley Bovat won a challenge for the ball, which she then sent to the left side to find St. Cyr attacking the goal. Westfield State improved to 4-2-1 this past week, 1-0 in MASCAC play. Fitchburg State falls to 1-5, 0-1 in MASCAC.

Cardin finishes sixth at UMass Dartmouth Invitational

PHOTO FROM WESTFIELD STATE ATHL.

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Freshman Jessie Cardin (Sutton/Sutton, Mass.) ran a strong sixth place to lead the Westfield State women's cross country team to a ninth-place finish at the 38-team UMass-Dartmouth Invitational on Saturday.

Cardin traversed the five-kilometer course in 18:12, and was the fourth Division III runner across the line as runners from NCAA Division II member East Stroudsburg (PA) State captured two of the top three spots.

Cardin was named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's cross country runner of the week.

Sophomore Ashley Monahan (Agawam/Springfield, Mass.) finished 51st, Lindsay Stoldt (East Hampton/East Hampton, Conn.) 52nd' and Adrianne Stelmack (Stoneham/Stoneham, Mass.) 56th for the Owls in the 272-runner field. Westfield placed ninth as a team, behind East Stroudsburg, New Paltz (NY) State, Holy Cross, Conn College, Brandeis, Salve Regina, Trinity and Southern Maine. Thirty-eight women's teams competed in the race, including three Division II schools and Division I Holy Cross.

In the men's race, Westfield finished sixth as a team in the 34-team race. Junior Tim Shea (West Springfield HS/West Springfield, Mass.) led Owls finishers, crossing the line in 25:19 over the five-mile course. All five of the Owls' scoring runners placed in the top 50 in the 255-man field of runners.

Junior Mike Skelly (North Middlesex/Pepperell. Mass.) crossed the line in 25:53 in 21st and Steve Connolly (Weymouth/North Weymouth. Mass.) got home in 26:05 in 32nd place overall.

NCAA Division II member Franklin Pierce University won the men's race, WPI, Brandeis, New Paltz and Bentley rounded out the top five.

Westfield State freshman Jessie Cardin (Sutton HS/ Sutton, Mass.) has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's cross country runner of the week.

Westfield will run at the Williams Purple Classic next Saturday, Sept. 27 in Williamstown, Mass.

The James Early Invitational will be held on October 11th. This is the only home meet until the ECAS Division III championships.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, September 18th
M Golf at MCLA Invite 2nd Place
Saturday, September 20th
W VBall at Bay Path College W 3-0
M/W XC at UMass Dartmouth Invite 6th Place / 9th Place
Field Hockey vs UMass Dartmouth L 2-3
M Soccer at Fitchburg State L 0-1
W VBall vs Green Mountain College W 3-0
W Soccer vs Fitchburg State W 6-0
Football at UMass Dartmouth W 14-13
Tuesday, September 23rd
M Soccer vs Elms College L 0-1
Wednesday, September 24th
Field Hockey vs Elms College W 4-1

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Saturday, September 27th
M Soccer vs Bridgewater State 12:00 p.m.
M/W XC at Williams College Purple Classic 12:00 p.m.
W Golf at Middlebury College Invitational 1:00 p.m.
W VBall vs Wellesley College 1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs Plymouth State 3:30 p.m.
W Soccer vs Bridgewater State 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 28th
W Golf at Middlebury College Invitational 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 30rd
Field Hockey at Bridgewater State 7:00 p.m.
M Golf at Westfield State Invitational 11:00 a.m.

Patriots Put a Fork in Raiders' Hopes

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

PHOTO FROM ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the New England Patriots faced off against the Oakland Raiders for their 2014 home opener.

These two teams have a closer head to head record than the average fan might think; Patriots having won 18 of 34 matchups and Raiders having won 15 of 34 matchups. For you mathematicians out there, you might be saying 18 plus 15 is only 33, what about the 34th game? Well on Oct. 16, 1964, the Boston Patriots tied the Oakland Raiders 43-43 in a game played at Fenway Park.

Both teams came were off to a slow start. The only score in the first quarter came from a 49-yard field goal from the Raiders' kicker, Sebastian Janikowski.

In the second quarter, the Patriots scored the only touchdown of the day with a 6-yard pass from Brady to the enormous hands of Rob Gronkowski. The rest of the quarter was silent until the Patriots' kicker, Stephen Gostowski, kicked a 21-yard field goal to end the quarter, putting the Patriots up 10-3 heading into halftime.

The second half was slow with the only points coming from field goals; two for the Raiders in the 3rd quarter and two for the Patriots in the 4th, making the score 16-9 going into the final minutes.

With three minutes and twelve seconds left in the 4th quarter, the Raiders had the ball on their own 38 yard line, looking to march down the field and tie the game. Running the ball with Darren McFadden and completing passes to James Jones, the Raiders moved the ball down to the Patriots' 6 yard line.

With one minute and two seconds left in the game, McFadden ran into the end zone, but the touchdown was taken back because of an offensive holding call on the Raiders.

The next play, Oakland quarterback, Derek Carr, threw a ball intended for wide receiver, Denarius Moore, into heavy traffic. The pass, however, was tipped in the air by cornerback, Logan Ryan, and snagged by the hefty Vince Wilfork.

This was easily the most exciting part of the game, for those who were still watching it at this point.

This game saw five drives for each team and ended with a punt. With this150th win, Brady moved into 3rd place for all-time wins by a starting quarterback, just behind longtime rival Peyton Manning (169) and legend Brett Favre (186).

Wide Right!

Owls hold off Corsairs 14-13 in tight road victory

PHOTO FROM WESTFIELD STATE ATHL.

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In a game that won't go down as one of the prettiest ever played, Westfield State held off UMass Dartmouth for a 14-13 win at Cressy Field on Saturday.

Point-after-touchdown tries proved to be the story of the game, as the Owls spoiled the Corsairs homecoming.What proved to be the winning points were scored by Westfield senior linebacker Troy Cutter (Lunenberg/Lunenberg, Mass.) on a "swinging gate" try for two points after the Owls second touchdown. Cutter plowed into the endzone to give Westfield a 14-0 lead with 2:40 left in the second quarter, the last points the Owls would score. Michael Mercadante (Minnechaug/Wilbraham, Mass.) provided the touchdown, his fifth of the season, on a nine-yard run.

The two-point try was hastened by the fact that the Owls kick attempt was blocked in the first quarter after senior QB Steve Guercio (Gardner/Gardner, Mass.) found Bobby Boire (Millbury/Millbury, Mass.) over the middle for an 11-yard scoring strike which put the Owls up 6-0 with 8:23 left in the third quarter.

Westfield's defense did its job in keeping the Owls chances alive in the low-scoring affair, keeping the Corsairs off the scoreboard until the 6:16 mark in the fourth quarter, when Cory Burnham found Jason Ferri for a 39-yard touchdown completion to trim the Owls lead to 14-7.

After Westfield went three-and-out on the next series, UMass Dartmouth took over on their own 48-yard line with 3:56 left to play. The Corsairs moved the ball 52 yards in 12 plays, scoring on a four yard Burnham to Ferri touchdown pass to make the score 14-13 with 41 seconds left in the contest. But Richard Bellizz' kick for the point after sailed wide right, and preserved the Owls tenuous victory.

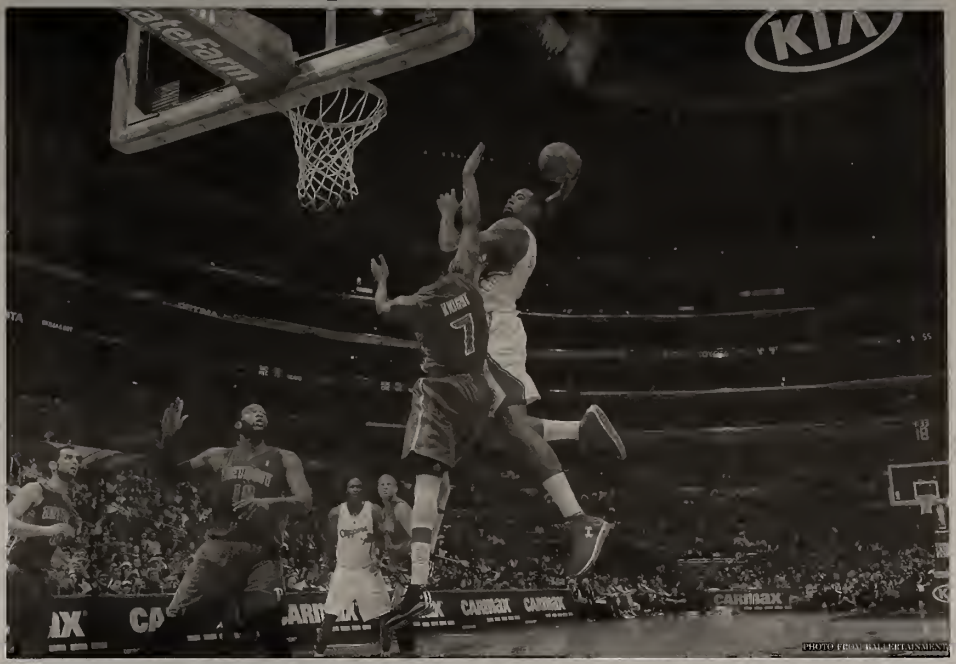
Westfield improves to 2-1, 1-1 in the MASCAC. UMass Dartmouth falls to 1-2, 0-2 in the MASCAC. The Corsairs gained 111 of their 305 yards of total offense in the fourth quarter. The Owls defense combined for five sacks, two from Marcus Pettigrew (Auburn/Auburn, Mass.), and 10 tackles for losses.

Greg Sheridan (Burlington/Burlington, Mass.) led with eight tackles, Julon McCoy (Gardner/Gardner, Mass.) had seven.

Mercadente rushed for 72 yards on 21 tries. Guercio scrabled for 34 yards, and completed 6 of 11 passes for 83 yards and a TD. Junior running back Colby Bostek (West Boylston/West Boylston, Mass.) was the Owls leading receiver with four catches for 54 yards.

The Owls have a bye week next week, before returning to action at home on October 4, hosting Plymouth State in a key Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game.

How Allen Iverson is better than Larry Bird and other lies highlight compilation videos on YouTube told me



DeAndre Jordan made one of the most incredible plays in NBA history with his dunk over Brandon Jennings. However, he shouldn't be considered one of the best players in the NBA because he can jump high at 6'11". Highlight videos will always take favor over a simple bounce pass or reading a defense. Dunks, home runs, and big hits make sports entertaining, but the boring aspects make sports beautiful.

Andrew Burke
Sports Editor

The way we watch sports has today is a complete 180 from how sports were watched in the 1980s. Appreciation for players, coaches, and teams has changed thanks to Sportscenter Top 10 plays and guys with too much time on their hands.

Players like Terrell Owens, Gerald Green, and Vladimir Guerrero will all be remembered for their highlight reels rather than their individual skills or team sacrifices.

YouTube highlight compilation videos are innumerable and one click lights a fuse for hours of mindless; yet engaging, history lessons about the sports we love. The problem is that flash and self-exposure lead to fundamentals and hustle fading into the mist.

A recent Sports Illustrated Extra Mustard article took the idea that this generation of young adults live out their Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson experiences vicariously through Internet videos. The problem is that the highlights of a player like Bird or Bill Russell or George Mikan don't matchup to Jordan, Kobe, or LeBron.

George Mikan is best known today for his practice drill that requires you to make consecutive right and left handed layups while Dwight Howard is known for wearing a superman cape and dunking on a twelve foot hoop at the NBA all-star game. Both play center, both are the same height, but Howard's game is built as a YouTube superstar while Mikan solidified himself as a top twenty NBA player of all-time with his ambidextrous baby hook.

However, this concept that players are more fondly remembered by how many highlight reel plays they make does not stop at basketball.

Reggie is the all-time leader in sacks in top-level professional football (198 in the NFL and 23.5 in the USFL). He was an All-Pro for 13 of his 15 NFL seasons and his nine consecutive seasons with at least 10 sacks is an NFL record that still stands today. However, the most views that Reggie White has on a highlight video are 204,400.

Type in "jad" in the YouTube search box and the third suggestion is "Jadaveon Clowney Michigan Hit." This one play by Clowney has 5,238,994 views as of September 24, 2014. Regardless of how his NFL career unfolds, he will always be remembered as a great linebacker because of this play, while Reggie White fades into the college and professional football hall of fame.

Home runs and diving catches make Mike Trout the most popular player in Major League Baseball. His 35 homeruns and 110 RBIs overshadow his .288 ERA because highlights are what fans look for.

Craig Biggio has 3,060 career hits and 1,175 career RBIs with seven all-star appearances, 4 Gold Glove awards, and 5 Silver Sluggers to go with it. And he carried out his entire 19-year career with the Houston Astros. The most views on a Craig Biggio highlight mix? 11,602.

History will be written by those that experience it first hand. Sports enthusiasts will always point the play statistics and the advanced stats as to why one player is better than other and casual viewers will always prefer dunks to mid-range jumpers off a pick and roll.

The days will come when DeAndre Jordan highlights are on the same level as Allen Iverson's are today and Kevin Garnett's defensive ambition will be forgotten. When Derek Jeter's off-the-field mannerism will be erased from memory in favor of wall climbing snags.

Nevertheless, when it is all said and done, the open time capsule that is the Internet will always tell the whole story for those who are willing to find it, even though it may take some extra digging.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 19):
An intense fight is on the horizon for you and a close friend. Your standpoint will be sorely incorrect, but you are much too arrogant to understand that.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Surprise, surprise Taurus! That new excitement you've been craving will be delivered this week when that camping trip you have planned goes terribly wrong.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
That new, exciting love interest that you thought was full of promise? It's all a sham.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Avoid all Scorpios who openly loathe you.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Don't judge a book by its cover. You should be judging the snooty face of your next-door neighbor instead.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
Ignore all of the haters. You truly are an amazing topiarist.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
It's time to pursue a new hobby. You're proving to be terrible at all of the ones you enjoy.

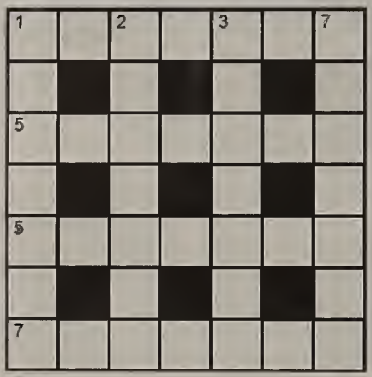
Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Your suspicions are correct. All of your friends really are out to get you. Sleep with one eye open this week.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Don't count your chickens before they've hatched. A very grave winter awaits your chicken coup this year.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
There are some improvements on the horizon, Capricorn! Not enough to notably change your terrible quality of life, but improvement nonetheless.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Your stomach will endure much stress this week. Stay far away from any and all seafood in the DC.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20):
Your good fortune only occurs once in a blue moon. It really is a shame that the moon is never blue.



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9/26	8 pm	WSKB Radio Wave—Live DJ Dance Party	Scanlon Banquet Hall
9/27	12 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater State	Alumni Field
9/27	3:30 pm	Field Hockey vs. Plymouth State	Alumni Field
9/28	3 pm	Senior Recital—Aleks Donato, Voice	Dever Stage
9/29	All Day	National Coffee Day—Free Small Ice/Hot Coffee With Purchase @ DD's	
9/29	12:30 pm	Catherine Dower Departmental Student Recital	Dever Stage
9/28	6 pm	MTEL Prep—Math 03 or 53	Wilson 416
9/30	1 pm	Getting Started With Clues For Class Success	Banacos Center
9/30	4 pm	Rugby—All Welcome	Stanley Park
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Class of 2018 and Hall Councils join Senate at Tuesday's meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association had their first meeting with a full council of representatives last Tuesday. The class of 2018 and presidents of the different residence halls on campus were welcomed into their first SGA meeting of the academic year.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, welcomed her first guest speaker, Erik Gallant. Gallant works for the university's marketing department and has the title of social media coordinator. He worked the news and information website for MassLive.com in Springfield for eight years and is now here at the university to help students and faculty groups on projects or ideas through any social media and digital medium.

An example of a project, Gallant said, is the newly launched Facebook group pages for all of the university's residence halls. He said he was pleased to know that the SGA has a general Twitter account and that a few of the executive council members had Twitter accounts for their positions.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, has a Twitter account, @VP_StudentLife. Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, has a Twitter account, @VP_Finance. Executive secretary Andrew Morin's account is @WSUExecSec.

"I encourage you all to think about how you are going to use those accounts going forward. The exciting things about these mediums is that there is really unlimited potential and you are really only curved by your creativity and willingness to try new things and experiment," Gallant said.

Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, spoke after Gallant and gave a warm welcome to the newly elected senators to the SGA. He gave all the senators new 175th lapel pins. He said the pins signify their leadership as SGA senators. "Your work is very, very, important," Pickron said.

Because of the ratification of the Massachusetts State College Association faculty union contract, all students, Pickron said, will have to approve the policy of allowing students to serve on governance committees by voting on a simple yes or no question.

Besides the SGA voting, Pickron said that the need to include the university's student body is a priority, and he told the SGA to talk to their constituents on voting.

He said, "I am hoping that everyone will say, with a resounding yes, we want to serve on governance committees making great decisions here at the university." A proper write up will give more information to the student body about how to vote and what they are voting on in the coming weeks, he said.

The madam president reclaimed the podium after Pickron was finished and said she was very excited to have a full room of senators for the first time this year. The first of her many presidential duties of the evening was accepting the Hall Council and class of 2018 election results. Both motions passed unanimously.

DiVico also motioned to approve Tyler Hastings as the commuter council president for the 2014 and 2015 academic year, which passed unanimously. Next on her agenda was finding a representative to be the parliamentarian for the academic year. The parliamentarian oversees the behavior of each meeting according to Robert's Rules of Order, which are the guidelines for how the senators can act during official meetings.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, nominated Sara Palis, representative-at-large, as parliamentarian and she got the title. DiVico also called on one representative from each class to be on the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Students nominated each other and the final outcomes were the following: Megan Doerle, representative for the class of 2015, Ryan Losco for 2016, Brandon Trafford for 2017, and Aaron Sylvia for 2018.

Lastly, DiVico announced that Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, would be at the next meeting of the SGA to answer any questions from the senators.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, congratulated the winners of the class of 2018 and hall council elections. He said he hopes all the new representatives will have a productive and fun time while being on the SGA and then started his report.

He said he met with Lisa McMahon and Father Warren Savage to talk about the new renovations to the Interfaith Center. He said the renovations will encompass cleaning and preparing the center for the different faiths that will celebrate there. More renovations will be done in the summer, he added.

Clark updated the SGA on the vandalized gazebos saying that there is an official commitment by the Facilities and Operations to begin cleaning the offensive graffiti. He said it would take a couple of days to sand the gazebos.

Clark lastly praised Public Safety for responding to three incidents that happened last week: the first was malicious destruction of property, liquor law violation, and, on Sept. 27, possession of class D substance (marijuana) with the intent to distribute. He also said a total of 645 parking tickets were issued in September.

Mikayia Culley, representative to the class of 2016, gave the first Food Services Committee report. She said that most people are upset about the disappearance of the french vanilla coffee creamer. Sodexo, Culley said, is no longer carrying the coffee creamer. She said that the production manager is going to try to obtain the coffee creamer for the dining hall.

Tori Landry, representative to the class of 2015, asked Culley what happened to the salad dressing known as "WSU Dressing." Culley said that the DC is not supposed to have it out

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Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, addresses the Senate at their first meeting of the year on Sept. 9. The class of 2018 and hall councils joined the Senate on Tuesday.

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CLASS OF 2018 ELECTIONS

Maddie Creamer wins three-way race for 2018 president; Wilson and Finn win their contests

President

Maddie Creamer — *78 votes, 41.05%*

Jonathan Kelland — *70 votes, 36.84%*

Shaniya Brown — *41 votes, 21.58%*

Vice President

Leah Wilson — *98 votes, 51.58%*

Jessica Hanam — *74 votes, 38.95%*

Leila Melendez — *18 votes, 9.47%*

Publicist

Alexis Finn — *96 votes, 51.61%*

Kendra Nicolois — *90 votes, 48.39%*

Voter participation in the 2018 Class Council elections

Eligible voters who did vote — *190, 14.46%*

Eligible voters who did not vote — *1,124, 85.54%*

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

It's official. Maddie Creamer is the new president of the class of 2018. After a three-way race in which she faced Jonathan Kelland and Shaniya Brown, Creamer emerged with 41.05% of the votes. She garnered 78 votes while the second-place finisher Kelland received six votes less with 70.

For the vice president race, it was less of a nail biter, with Leah Wilson receiving 98 votes, or 51.58%. She faced Jessica Hanam and Leila Melendez.

The secretary and treasurer races had one contestant each. Emily Spakauskas won secretary and Catrina Connolly won treasurer, with each receiving 187 votes.

Although there was no contestant for historian, 28 people were written-in for the post.

The election bylaws of the Student Government Association, the governing body in charge of class council elections, dictates that write-in candidates must receive at least 25% of the vote to be considered a legitimate contender for the seat. In an uncontested race such as the 2018 historian, 25% of the vote would have won it for any one of the write-ins but this was not the case.

Alexis Finn was elected publicity coordinator with 96 votes versus challenger Kendra Nicolois, who received 90 votes.

Katherine Wipf was the sole candidate to win community relations and fundraising representative with 185 votes.

Finally, Sharleen Varghese was the sole candidate for the representative to SGA position. She received 182 votes. Interviews for the remaining spots will be starting next week.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary to the SGA, announced at Tuesday's meeting of the Senate that the voter turnout was 14.46%, which is an all-time high. Last year's turnout was about 10%.

The class of 2018 council meets on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room in Ely 020.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

The University of Massachusetts Unions United Coalition submitted a petition to the UMass Board of Trustees last week. The petition follows in the wake of an on-campus rally, a hearing with the Massachusetts Department of Labor relations and weeks of bargaining for all unions on campus.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Student Association is giving Syracuse University students the chance to take a students-only bus home for Thanksgiving Break. SA is providing buses going to major areas around the Northeast, including New York City, New Jersey, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington D.C.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

"Artists in the Arboretum," on display at the park's Hunnewell building through Oct. 19, showcases the work of 27 local artists with personal relationships to the park. The strength of this exhibition lies in its ability to be viewed piece by piece, and as a single vibrant, polyphonic homage to the park that inspired them.

news from clubs and orgs

the westfield voice

The newspaper is expanding! We are looking for sports writers! Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor, is the editor-in-chief of a magazine entitled Port Folio. If you would like to help with the magazine, send emails to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

New Roman Catholic Chaplain appointed to Westfield State's Interfaith Center

Father Savage is the newest addition to the Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center.

From press release

The Diocese of Springfield has appointed Father Warren J. Savage as Westfield State University's new Roman Catholic Chaplain. In his new position, Fr. Savage joins Reverend Kim Murphy and Rabbi Joyce Galaski, the university's Protestant and Jewish chaplains, respectively, in providing a range of faith services for Westfield State students.

Father Savage completed his Theological Studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He has worked as an international speaker, lecturer, and mission preacher. He currently lectures in the Religious Studies Department of Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, Mass.

Elizabeth Preston, president of Westfield State University, is looking forward to the new chaplain joining the center. "Meeting Father Savage is an experience. He is energetic and enthusiastic about living his faith and in caring for others no matter their background. Most importantly, his commitment to interfaith dialogue and service aligns with Westfield State's focus on increased community engagement and we are very much looking forward to having him be a part of our campus community," President Preston said.

Along with Rev. Murphy and Rabbi Galaski, Fr. Savage will maintain an office in the Interfaith Center. The university also plans to add an Imam for Muslim students. "I am here not just for the Catholic students but for all students," Savage said. "I am excited to be part of the Westfield State University campus community. I look forward to working with the administration, faculty, staff, and students in creating an environment where people from different faith traditions, spiritual experiences, and walks of life can respect each other and dialogue together."

Founded in 1982 by donation from the late Albert and Amelia Ferst, the Interfaith Center supports religious and spiritual life, as well as promoting interfaith understanding on and off campus. It provides students the opportunity for worship, meditation, spiritual exploration, religious learning, and service.

Fr. Savage, Rev. Murphy and Rabbi Galaski's first collaborative project will be working with students as part of President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge. Westfield State will be one of 250 "institutions of higher education that are making the vision for interfaith cooperation and community service a reality on campuses across the country." Interfaith service involves people from different religious and non-religious backgrounds tackling community challenges together – for example, Protestants and Catholics, Hindus and Jews, and Muslims and non-believers – building a Habitat for Humanity house together. Interfaith service impacts specific community challenges, from homelessness to mentoring to the environment, while building social capital and civility.

Participation in the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge builds on other established Westfield State University service initiatives. Through the Department of Higher Education, Westfield State University has become involved with the American Democracy Project (ADP), a multi-campus initiative focused on higher education's role in preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens for our democracy. ADP is funded through the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The university is also part of Campus Compact, a national coalition of college and university presidents dedicated to promoting community service, civic engagement, and service learning in higher education. "From Westfield State's work with Campus Compact to ADP and now to the President's Interfaith and Community Service Challenge, we are committed to helping our students become informed, responsible citizens," said President Preston. "We are building relationships and providing experiences that encourage students to examine their values, develop practical competencies, and apply their learning to find solutions for social and civic problems both on and off campus." The administration at Westfield State University is taking further steps to foster a culture of civic engagement throughout the Westfield State experience including directly integrating civic engagement into course work in order to get more students to get involved. "We would like to attach a civic engagement message to more courses and even make civic engagement projects requirements for certain courses," Preston said. "Ideally, we would like to require students take more than one course at Westfield State that involves them in community service in some way. Our hope is that this will inspire students to get involved in community service projects outside of coursework as well."

crime log

On Sept. 23, 2014, a malicious destruction of property occurred at 9:46 a.m. in the Campus Center Gazebo. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 21, 2014, a larceny occurred between 7:18 p.m. and 9:06 p.m. at Pasquales Restaurant off-campus. The case is open.

On Sept. 18, 2014, a larceny occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 12:49 p.m. in the Ely Campus Center. The case is open.

On Sept. 24, 2014, a malicious destruction of property occurred at 2:08 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is open.

On Sept. 26, 2014, a liquor law violation and a drug law violation occurred at 12:54 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 26, 2014, a default warrant occurred at 9:05 a.m. on Scanlon Road. The case resulted in an arrest.

On Sept. 26, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:17 p.m. at the Campus Center Gazebo. The case was trespassed.

On Sept. 7, 2014, a rape and indecent assault & battery occurred at 1:15 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case is under investigation.

On Sept. 26, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:08 pm. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 26, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 11:37 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 27, 2014, a liquor law violation, disorderly conduct, and trespassing occurred at 12:21 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. There was an arrest made.

On Sept. 27, 2014, a disturbance occurred including operation of a motor vehicle loudly and unreasonably, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operating under the influence at 12:29 a.m. in Dickinson lot. An arrest was made.

On Sept. 27, 2014, a liquor law violation and trespassing occurred at 1:03 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. An arrest was made.

On Sept. 27, 2014, a drug law violation occurred t 6:52 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 27, 2014, a possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute occurred at 7:50 p.m. in the Campus Center Gazebo. An arrest was made.

On Sept. 28, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:37 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Sept. 28, 2014, a rape and assault to commit rape occurred between 1:15 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. in an unidentified residence hall. The case is open.

On Sept. 30, 2014, a larceny occurred between 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Woodward Center. The case is open.

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Westfield State University announces recipient of Distinguished Alumnus Award winner Carlos Canino '88

From news release

Westfield State University will honor Carlos Canino with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in the Horace Mann Center lobby on Saturday, October 25 at 10 a.m. The honor is a service award designed for an alumnus that has made an outstanding contribution to the community. Canino earned his B.S. in criminal justice in 1988.

"Carlos has distinguished himself in the criminal justice field," said Kathi Bradford, director of Alumni Affairs. "His efforts with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, working across teams and among different communities to provide education and promote safety exemplify the spirit of this award and represent the best of the leadership and community service skills with which Westfield State students graduate."

Canino originally started his collegiate journey at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) where he played football. He was inspired to pursue the criminal justice field when he was sitting by a window in the cafeteria with his friend Dougie and he noticed a number of men in suits pull up in black sedans to escort a seemingly important visitor, who turned out to be former president Jimmy Carter. Canino thought that he would enjoy working in a similar field and, at the time, CCSU did not have a criminal justice program, so Canino decided to transfer to Westfield State where he could both play football and study in the field he wanted to pursue.

Canino was appointed as the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Los Angeles Field Division in February.

As the Special Agent in Charge, he is responsible for leading the men and women of the Los Angeles Field Division with enforcing laws and regulations related to firearms, explosives, arson, and alcohol and tobacco trafficking.

A seasoned law enforcement professional, Canino began his ATF career as a Special Agent in 1990, in Yakima, Washington. Rising through the ranks at ATF, Canino has served in several leadership positions including Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Phoenix Field Division, ATF Mexico Country Attaché, and Supervisory Special Agent in St. Louis, Missouri. He also served as a street agent in Los Angeles, Miami, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"The best thing about my job is being able to serve the community that I work in," Canino said. "We target the most violent criminals in the country and I enjoy being able to go head to head against those bad guys and removing them from the streets to make the communities safer."

The Westfield State University 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner Carlos Canino '88.

Canino said he wants criminal justice students to know the success rate of graduates.

"It's important for students to see that Westfield State alumni are successful in the field," Canino said. "They can realize that 'this guy made it, why can't I make it?' The university is well represented in federal law enforcement."

Because he's in good company in the criminal justice field, Canino said he was surprised to learn he won the award.

"It's bumbling to say the least," Canino said.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award kicks off Homecoming weekend. For a full list of events, visit www.westfieldalumni.org/homecoming.

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from the voice vault

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Where is WSKB and where is it headed?

BY HALEY PATON
VOICE REPORTER

Cassie Gendron, clad in her black hooded sweatshirt, her long dark hair hanging loose down her back, is parked on a couch, in a place that many know about but few Westfield State students have ever actually seen.

"Oh cool. The Killers. We spun them last semester," she says half to herself, referring to a review in the arts and entertainment section of The Voice.

It's Tuesday night, September 28th, and tucked up in the right hand corner of the Ely Campus Center, the General Manager of Westfield State College's student-run radio station, 89.5 WSKB, is lounging in the WSKB office after that night's board meeting.

Cassie's been with the station for four years. A math major from Chicopee, this fall is her second semester as an executive board member, and her first as general manager. With her graduation coming this spring, next semester will be her last.

Currently, as GM, Gendron is in charge of "making sure everything runs smoothly." This includes keeping a master log of "every song that gets played between certain dates" and dealing with BMI, "the company that takes care of copyrights and payment from the radio station to the artists," says Gendron.

How did 89.5 WSKB get started? The person to talk to is Andy Johnson.

He now has a mustache and his afro is long gone, but his face is unmistakably the same as the one in the portrait of his younger self hanging in the WSKB office.

Andy Johnson, who is now the associate director of the Ely Campus Center, reveals that Westfield State's radio station was originally a carrier current station in Wilson. Basically a carrier current station is an AM station in which, instead of the signal being broadcast by an antenna, the signal is broadcast through a building's electrical system. According to the College Broadcast Resource Page online, "The electrical system then acts as your antenna. Radios in and near the building can pick up the broadcast."

Later the station became an underground AM station called WWED, "Mighty Weed." Johnson, who was a student during the late 1970s, remembers a "banner with a cannabis plant." The station was only 10 watts, an unfathomably small number as compared to the station's current 100 watts that still does not reach very far off of campus.

"Wattage is important," said Johnson, "but it also depends on where the antenna is," noting that AAC, another local station with similar wattage has better range because of a better antenna location.

The campus station went to 100 watts in the late 1970s, the reason for this being that at the time the FCC changed their regulations and any station with less than 100 watts could get bumped off the air. In order to prevent this, the student government gave money to the station to buy more wattage. "And we've been 100 watts ever since," says Johnson.

Johnson adds that the station, which had moved from Wilson to Ely, got a new board in 1977 and in 1988. The board bought in 1988 lasted through until the current board was bought just a few years ago.

"There's been talk about it for years and years and years," says Johnson. The question is," Johnson remarks, "is the station going to remain a student-run station?" Johnson mentions that faculty in the Communications Department have always been helpful with the station when he had needed any help as an advisor.

Johnson also mentions the fact that "Movement Science is part of running the new [Woodward] center but it doesn't run the whole center."

Johnson notes that not all who are involved with the station are Communications majors.

"I wasn't Mass Comm. It's about students learning and developing their craft. I'd be concerned of it becoming a tool of Mass Comm." says Johnson.

When the idea was last brought up several years ago, it is remembered by Communication Department Prof. Mark St. Jean, as creating quite a controversy.

"I think there's been a fear amongst the station leadership that the Communication Department wants to take over the station. Years ago, a former faculty member expressed his opinion of the station as an 'electronic sandbox for

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had expressed his opinion of the station as an 'electronic sandbox for the kids to play in' and that got the Exec Board pretty fired up," says St. Jean.

Despite past debate over the department's relationship with the station, St. Jean added, "Faculty member have retired and I haven't heard any complaints about programming for a couple of years, so maybe things are working okay."

The Production Manager for WSKB, Skot Pierce, has been contemplating the possibility of a closer relationship between the Communications Department and WSKB "a lot, lately."

"While not being in the Comm. Department offers us the freedom of being student run, if we were a part of the Comm. Department, we could get money, I think we could get money. And I think the Comm. Department would start to teach classes that are more geared towards a radio career, 'cause right now they only have one" says Pierce, referring to Fundamentals of Audio Production.

Communications Department Chair Liz Preston notes that there was a "big vision for the 'Comm-une at one time," (as the large center room of the Comm. Department that several offices branch off of is affectionately called), adding that there were plans for a "share of resources" among the different areas of the Comm. Department: the radio and TV stations, as well as the campus paper.

Preston is unsure about the possibility of closer ties between WSKB and the Comm. Department. Raising a similar question as Andy Johnson's, Preston asks, "How do both parties benefit?"

"In a weird way I think it's clear how the department would benefit," says Preston. "The station would become a source for practical experience for students interested in radio, much like the campus TV station, WSC TV," Preston notes. "Currently WSC TV is closely tied to the Communications department," Preston says. "In part because the TV station depends on us for technology."

However, Preston also believes that a closer relationship between the Comm. Department and the radio station could be mutually beneficial. While the department would have access to the radio station as a place for audio production students to gain what Preston calls "practical experience," the radio station would also benefit financially from such a partnership, and by having access to "faculty for advice."

"I think that would be great for everybody," Preston remarks. "I just feel like it has to made clear as with the newspaper that these are independent student organizations."

The only downside Preston notes is that, "I don't think the department wants to be a broadcaster and bare all that responsibility."

Whether or not WSKB becomes part of the Communications Department in the future, the station's biggest concern remains reaching the campus, according to Gendron. In order to combat technical issues that prevent students from listening, such as a lack of radios in dorm rooms and frequent problems with the station's transmitter within the past two years, Gendron is currently looking into webcasting. However, she is doing so with some hesitation.

"I absolutely think it's a great idea, and I really want to take steps toward it because it'll reach the campus community. My only fear is the cost, because what if they don't listen? The whole 'what if' thing," says Gendron, adding, "But I feel it's a step in the right direction."

According to Gendron's and WSKB web designer Sean Whigham's research, broadcasting online will cost a thousand dollars annually. The cost is not quite as high as they first expected, but is still a hefty sum.

This is a cost that Gendron is willing to pay because the station's first concern, she notes, is, "Well, first of all, the campus needs to be able to hear us."

Pierce, his professional demeanor encased in a red and gray-black dress shirt and black cargo pants with chains, is not entirely sold on the idea of webcasting as of yet.

"For the last month at least I've been trying to convince myself that webcasting is a good idea," said Pierce, citing that their current web designer will not be with the station next year.

"This is Sean's senior year. Whether we'll have a competent web designer next year" is a concern of Pierce's.

Andy Johnson, on the other hand, appears to be in favor of webcasting. "I think that's the next idea. You need to get format out there so you know when to tune in," says Johnson, adding, "If you're gonna be out there and doin' this thing you need to learn that stuff too."

Gendron's second concern for the station is "ditching" the attitude that well, no one listens to us anyway."

The only thing that Gendron is not willing to do to improve the station is to start allowing DJs to play commercial music.

"I really don't like it. I really don't like that whole idea because if we did it we'd just be the same as every other station there is around here" says Gendron.

What about playing a mix of commercial and underground music on WSKB?

"A mix is okay. I mean, commercial music is still music and a commercial band deserves to be played just as much as an underground band" says Gendron.

Currently the station does have some commercial music on the racks, such as Dutkast, Green Day, and The Black Eyed Peas latest albums. However, DJs are not allowed to play any tracks that have been released on commercial radio stations.

Pierce is very against any commercial music being played over the WSKB airwaves. "As a college station we have the freedom to expose music that would never be heard otherwise."

Instead he cites the major problems of the station as being "communication between the executive board members and the DJs, and between the radio station and the campus itself."

To improve internal relations within the radio station, Pierce says, "Between the exec board and the DJs, frequent meetings I think are gonna help," then in a quieter tone, "like monthly meetings or so."

As far as relations between WSKB and the campus at Westfield State College, "I think that's gonna be a slow process and it's gonna be a matter of--just constantly---being places." Pierce says, referring to the on-campus remotes that have also become part of his role at the station.

Johnson agrees with Pierce that playing commercial music isn't necessarily the way to improve the station, noting that "it's always" struggled for listeners, even years ago when it did play commercial music as part of its selection.

"I'm not sure we've been as aggressive in getting out there as we could be," Johnson remarks, saying "It's not an easy thing to do. We could be more popular if we played pop music, but would we be doing a disservice to what our license is?"

What Johnson would like to see is sports DJs broadcasting live from the new athletic center at "men's and woman's basketball and volleyball games," as well as more on-air "cross plugging,' or promotion of DJs' shows by other DJs.

"It's one of your fellow DJs and you want other people to listen in." says Johnson. "Ultimately," says Gendron "we would like to see a full DJ schedule. A waiting list of DJs."

Gendron pauses. "And the whole campus digging what we play."

opinions & editorials

LADIES' LIFESTYLE

Makeup is only as good as the brush that applies it

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

This is the first article out of many that will be dedicated in this column to ladies' interest in a college setting and things that I find to be important.

Makeup is only as good as the brush with which you apply it. Determining which makeup brushes to buy can be hard, especially if you are going to be buying ones with a hefty price tag.

Having good quality brushes can make a huge difference in your makeup application and are worth the investment. High quality brushes with proper maintenance can stay as good as new for years.

Here are five brushes that I think are worth the extra money and are guaranteed to apply makeup perfect every time.

Mac 109 Contour Brush

This brush is perfect for contouring and bringing out cheekbones. It is hard to find a brush small enough to fit in the hollows of your cheeks, but large enough to make the bronzer appear natural and blended without harsh lines. This brush has a rounded dome tip and is made from natural fibers. The brush is large enough to also be used for applying blush. While it may be a splurge, it is well worth it because of its multi-purpose functions and superior quality.

bareMinerals Max Coverage Concealer Brush

Even though there are ones very similar to it, the bareMinerals concealer brush has been a personal favorite of mine. It is made from synthetic fibers and is travel sized. The bristles are dense and allow powder concealer to be packed on without looking cakey. Its small size allows for precision application in targeted areas.

Make Up Forever Kabuki Brush

I always used to be against synthetic fiber face brushes, but the kabuki brush by Make Up Forever is an exception. At first, I was skeptical but after using it for a while I never want to use anything else to apply face powder.

The brush is dense but remains very soft on the skin. This brush applies powder flawlessly and makes it look natural.

Mac 219 Pencil Bush

This brush is perfect for applying eye shadow in the crease of the eye. Its small dense tip allows for precision shading in the eye crease and also along the lash line. The 219 is a necessary brush for accuracy when applying shadow on the eye because of its shape. A brush similar to this is hard to come by, and the ones I have seen and used do not live up to the quality and precision as this one.

The brush has a wood handle and a nickel-plated brass ferrule along with natural bristles.

Different brushes will change the way you apply your makeup.

Mac 224 Tapered Blending Brush

If there were one brush I could truly not live without, it would be the Mac 224 Tapered Blending brush. The key to any eye shadow look is blending and this brush helps to blend eye shadow and make it look natural and flawless. This brush has natural soft fibers that taper to form a medium size dome shape at the end of the brush.

Emma Watson vs. the Internet

Aleixa Gagnon
Voice Columnist

Something tells me Emma Watson is missing her days as the innocent witch full of brains, Hermione Granger. Now she is experiencing the ugly side of advocacy.

After giving her fantastically passionate speech about gender equality at the United Nations, Watson has received a rather alarming amount of backlash from none other than the kingpin of infamous websites, 4Chan.

4Chan is a hizarre insular community of pranksters who all gather on their Internet threads and forums and have been ruling the Internet in the 11 years of the website's existence. The users of this site are clearly not as dumb as some people would perceive consistent users of a forum board to be. No, this website consists of maniacal geniuses that have been wreaking havoc for years with pranks that are both harmless and also not-so-harmless.

4Chan has managed to take all top ten spots in Dub the Dew, a contest in which the Internet was asked to name the next Mountain Dew flavor. The Internet came up with ridiculous names such as Fapple, Diabeetus, and several others, which proceeded to take over the leaderboard.

They convinced hundreds of girls that Justin Bieber had cancer and that they should go "bald for Bieber." They have managed to get several bad Burger King employees fired, and have also managed to make Kim Jung Un the person of the year in Time magazine.

The most recent prank was Wave, an ad that convinced iPhone users that IOS8 could make your phone charge if put in the Microwave.But now 4Chan is targeting Emma Watson, who is one of the most popular women on the Internet.

A post was made, using a picture of Watson wiping away a tear, saying "Emma Watson you are next" and a countdown of when her nude photos would be released. Yes, nudes.

As most people are aware, Jennifer Lawrence experienced an iCloud hacking, and her own photos were leaked onto the Internet. Now, it is seemingly Watson's turn. There is even a website, EmmaYouAreNext.com. Of course, there is no evidence that actual nude pictures of Watson even exist, and it seems as though 4Chan is having a little fun.

Soraya Nadia McDonald, who writes for the Washington Post, believes the threat. At one point, she even believed false Internet reports that Watson had died, justifying her stance based on "a long history of this sort of bullying aimed at women on the Internet, especially feminists."

"It's just the latest in a long history of online efforts to intimidate, belittle, threaten and cow women into hiding and shutting up — the message, of course, being, if you dare to do or say something we don't like, we'll expose you in return," McDonald wrote.

Watson's speech, delivered as part of her role as goodwill ambassador for U.N. Women, drew a great deal of attention to her poignant remarks about the need for equality and for men to embrace feminism.

"If men don't have to be aggressive in order to be accepted, women won't feel compelled to be submissive," she said. "If men don't have to control, women won't have to be controlled. Both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong. ... It is time that we all perceive gender on a spectrum, not as two opposing sets of ideals."

Although many people know what 4Chan is really about, know that it has very little to do with feminism. It is all about starting a fire, poking it, and then watching it burn.

After all, hundreds of their previous victims had nothing to do with feminism. 4Chan will do what they do best: terrorize.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

In order to prevent police brutality, it must be addressed

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

"Since 9/11, US police bave killed more than 5,000 civilians," reported the Mint Press. This has come from a response based on militarized spending and training. Police have been trained to become more aggressive with civilians since entering both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Russ Baker, an investigative journalist said on his webpage that State and local spending on police has soared from $40 billion in 1982 to more than $100 billion in 2012.

Baker also said that since 2012, the number of police officers killed on duty have decreased by 50%, a record low since 1887. Crime rate is down 19% since 1987. However, police brutality reports have increased. In an interview with Baker, Brigitt Keller, who heads up the National Police Accountability Project of the National Lawyers Guild, said, "There has been a clear escalation of violence by police, particularly since 9/11."

"I'm all for police officers not getting hurt on the job," says Keller, "but if you make that your first concern, then it's problematic, because you allow the use of deadly or excessive force in practically every situation between an officer and a citizen, and you end up with citizens getting hurt." The events taking place in Ferguson, Missouri centering police brutality have been showcased in media sources on a regular basis and have become a national discussion. When the police force becomes militarized, they stop looking at the public's human rights but rather as a target. This is what disrupts even a peaceful assembly, which is a violation of the first amendment.

Weaponry that police officers are strapped with are those that are used by the US military including its artillery and tear gas canisters, which are also used abroad by Israel. The New York Times reported at the end of September that campus police at the University of Central Florida acquired a modified grenade launcher and tear gas.

This has obviously been a topic the press has covered for as far back as we can remember, but are we seeing more of it as a result of increased brutality or public interest—would it matter either way?

Police brutality is often committed on a victim who is of a minority or of a lower economic class. Representation for these types of people is limited. Social media has changed the way people are looking at brutality because it is an uncensored first account that does not need to be filtered or recognized by the Bureau of Justice.

Of course there can be a question of credibility of the person reporting a case. But then again if, as we have all been told, anything we post online these days can be held against us and known to be truthful in the professional world, do we not understand that we are held responsible for our claim that we make against others, including police officers?

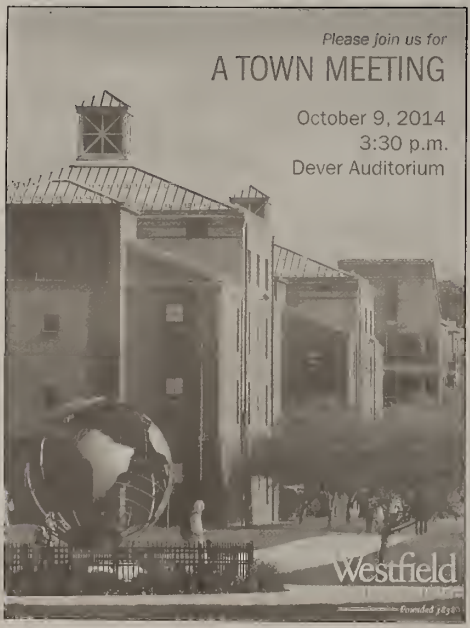
Social Media has put pressure on the government to crack down on police brutality. It makes it difficult to debate a multitude of eye-witnesses reporting the same event and then being able to share it easily with a network of other people that ripples across the media site.

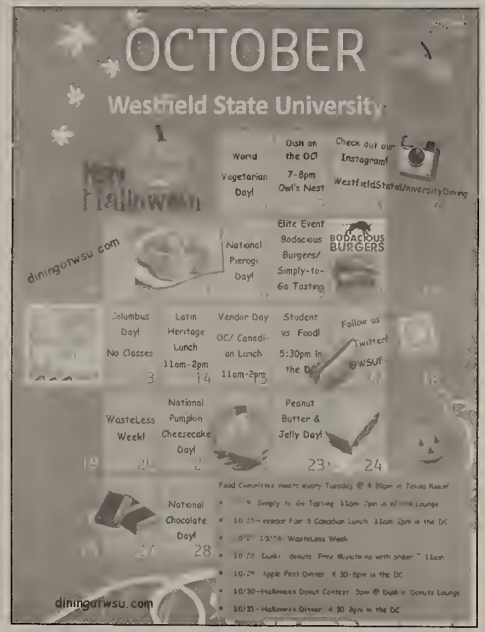
David Lindorff said in collaboration witb Baker that the Justice Policy Institute has estimated that police officers in the U.S. killed 587 people in 2012 alone. The mobile phone app "five-oh" was created by 16-year-old Ima Christian of Decatur, Georgia. The app was designed for teens and others to be able to report police brutality in their area to raise attention. This app is one of the many initiatives that bring attention to the ethics behind a police officer's duties.

In a country that boasts we are the "Land of the Free," it seems unusual that many people are afraid of their police force that is meant to protect them. People from urban areas of the country recommend that if one sees a cop, they should not look at or talk to the officer. Many people are suggesting that police are mandated to have cameras not only in their vehicles but also on their lapel to have physical evidence of police conduct instead of relying on eye-witnesses. Being from the area, I have realized that Westfield has a reputation of allegedly harassing drivers in the area. I lived in a very residential area for almost two years; farther from where most off-campus student housing is here in town and more than five times a week a car would be pulled over in front of my house.

It made me wonder why an officer could possibly be pulling so many people over in a town that prided itself in its criminal justice program, but was not quite near any of the typical party places. However, I have never witnessed any brutality here.

Police brutality has not ebbed away at any point in our history and the less it is addressed, the more it will continue to be a part of our culture.





editorial

The parking issue at Westfield State is really a non-issue

It has been said once and it will be said a thousand more times.

Parking on this campus is a matter of convenience. Do you as a student park in a faculty/staff parking spot because it is a shorter walk or do you take the hike and go to South Lot?

Most students would say that they would rather do the former.

What is completely ridiculous is the notion and complaining about the state of the Commuter Lot. The priorities are not in sync here.

Students would rather have a parking space to put their car near the academic buildings instead of having a world-class science center that will be state-of-the-art and up-to-date.

What is lost in the conversation that happens in the Wilson Commuter Café, the classrooms of Bates, or the lobby of Parenzo, is the fact that even though 120 spots were removed from the main Commuter Lot, some 140 were added by adjusting other lots.

The Apartment Complex lot, Juniper Park lot, and some spots along the Davis Road tree belt have been added to the commuter parking possibilities. But so what if you have to walk to and from South Lot?

Students claim the extra time, the walking distance, the time between shuttles, and other oddities that prevent them from lacing their shoelaces and taking the hike.

The problems of parking on this campus become null and void when one considers parking at other colleges and universities in the area.

While parking was free during the 2011-2012 academic year, Western New England University charged their students $120 for parking the following year, with the same amount of parking spots as Westfield State.

Springfield College down the street charges their students a flat fee of $125 regardless of what program they are registered for—undergraduate or graduate—with less parking than Westfield State.

The granddaddy of parking "issues" is the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

To park there, students pay as low as $118 for nighttime parking and as much as $1,095 for the lower garage with no promise that where they park is anywhere remotely close to where their building is.

To put it bluntly, the parking issue on this campus is really a non-issue. Get some good sneakers, grab the things from your car that you will need throughout the day, and take the hike to main campus.

To think that the university will repaint lines in the Commuter Lot or spend millions on a parking garage is a pipe dream.

It's time to face reality and admit that parking on the main campus is for convenience only and is in no way guaranteed.

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MASSACHUSETTS GUBERNATORIAL RACE

After Monday's debate, there are no clear front-runners in the Mass. governor's race

Louis Katz
Voice Columnist

In the gubernatorial debate on Monday, Sept. 9, neither front-runner looked formidable on the stage. Baker came out strong in the first question about casinos, calling himself a "one casino guy."

However, it all went down hill from there as he failed to give definitive answers to the rest of the questions.

On the other hand, Coakley started out passive on the casino question, preferring to talk about other ways to develop the economy in the Springfield area, while saying she supports casinos.

Coakley came out strong on pre-K education, firing back at Baker's response about "increasing targeted investment" and charter schools.

In response, Coakley spoke adamantly about her $150 million dollar plan to bring 17,000 more children into the world of pre-K education.

The only other moments of strength for both Baker and Coakley came when Lively, an independent candidate, took a stance against abortion and gay marriage corrupting society.

Both Baker and Coakley gave strong rebuttals against Lively's comment calling it highly offensive.

It was Independents Jeff McCormick and Evan Falchuk who stole the show. McCormick came out swinging, taking a position against casinos saying that they bring crime, drug and alcohol abuse, and more cases of driving while under the influence.

McCormick emerged with a sturdy answer on marijuana and the drug war where he stated that the majority of people on drugs have behavioral problems and need help.

Falchuk reiterated how the government's priorities do not reflect those of the people, talking about spending a billion dollars on renovating the Boston Convention Center.

He also mentioned that for rebuilding infrastructure, Massachusetts should institute tolls at border crossings, just as there are tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

He said it would bring in about a billion dollars in revenue. Falchuk was also the only candidate to say that marijuana will probably be on the 2016 ballot and that the commonwealth needed to plan for the future for marijuana legalization.

Interestingly, in terms of the natural gas pipeline, Coakley did not give a clear answer and Falchuk saved her from looking weak.

After Coakley answered, Falchuk said he was against the pipeline and asked Coakley if she was too because her answer was not clear.

In the end, I awarded a total of 9.25 points for the candidates' answers to each of the seven questions. Baker got one-and-a-quarter points. Coakley got one-and-a-half points. McCormick got two points, while Lively got zero.

Falchuk dominated the debate with a total of four-and-a-half points earning him 48.6% of all of the points I awarded. Of course I am biased, especially after my exclusive interview with Falchuk.

However, he was the only candidate who consistently gave strong answers to every question. McCormick gave some strong answers but was inconsistent, while Coakley, Baker, and Lively were weak.

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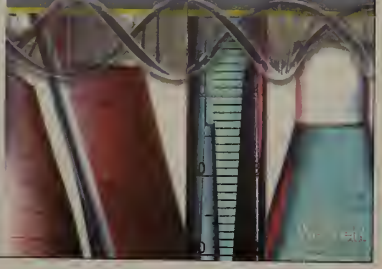

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Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 - 10 a.m.		"Commuter Radio" with Luis Arzola	"Owls on the Air" with Michael 'Buster' McMahon	"Mornings with Mayor Dan" with Mayor Dan Knapik	"Sports Talk and Office Hours" with Patrick Berry		"Wayne's World of Music and Memories" with Wayne Smith
10 - 12 p.m.	"Back in Time" with James Sandman						
12 - 2 p.m.	"Synthpop and Nonsense" with Sam Doe and Not-Max	Matt Sturdevant	"Owls Sports Show" with Anthony Swanson & Devin Bates		"Listening to the Left" with Erika Hayden	"The Escape" w/ Justin Fernandes	"EDogg 413's Bow Down Throwback Jamz" with Emmett Witherspoon
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4 - 6 p.m.	Tim O'Malley	"Kiana & Alisha" w/ Kiana Lowe & Alisha Delissaint	"Hip Hop with Mike" with Michael Barry	"Sports Talk" with Nic Odell	"2 DJs 1 Show" with Bryce Foumier and Cam Brett	"Hip Hip Hooradio" with Liz Curran	
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10 - 12 a.m.	Rory Barbarisi		"The Time Warp" with Sam Weinberg and Alex Carini	"Sabrina & Ed" w/ Sabrina Farley & Ed Bloom		"Nunu & Crew" with Nick Anson and Scott Nixon	

SGA - *from the front page*

anymore because "[Sodexo] uses ingredients that are left over from others things to make it."

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, announced that the annual blood drive would take place on Oct. 8 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Parenzo gym.

Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, said tbat over 200 students attended brown bag bingo last Friday and that Family Day, on Saturday was a great success. She also announced tbat on Oct. 18, the Campus Actives Board would be going to six flags.

Cullinane said tickets go on sale Oct. 6 in tbe SGA office for $15, which covers the bus trip and admission into the ark. However, she said, the ticket does not cover the fright fest package.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, proudly announced a high 14.46% voter turnout for the new class of 2018 elections. The SGA applauded on Morin's successful campaign to get first years to vote. Last year's first year election had a voter turnout of about 10%.

With the first month of the semester over and a full Senate, the SGA looks to pick up the pace and start October on a high note.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Maza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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(left) The planks have been kicked out of the Campus Center gazebo. (above) Adirondack chairs have been hit as well. The University Hall chairs face the most damage. (right) An example of some graffiti.

Graffiti, convenience, and the sort-of-kind-of "tobacco-free" policy: ***The story behind the smoking gazebos***

an investigation written by Sydney Castonguay, features editor

Photos provided by Curt Robie and Carlton Pickron

In the fall of 2012, Westfield State University adopted a tobacco free campus policy. It reads, "Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products will not be permitted on any University property or University leased property including buildings, grounds, walkways, parking lots, wooded areas and all other property owned or operated by the University."

The goal of implementing the policy was to promote a healthier campus for all members of the community. Before this rule was in place, smoking and the use of tobacco products was allowed anywhere on campus except within a 50-foot radius of buildings.

"First year students never got the experience of walking through a puff of smoke going into a building or sitting in a class with the windows open on a beautiful day and having the smoke come through," shared Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Carlton Pickron.

The air was full of smoke that gave the campus a negative feel for visitors and those who attended the school. There was also the concern of second hand smoke inhalation.

"Second hand smoke was affecting others and caused a public health issue particularly since smokers were standing in the pathways of building doors and outside windows," stated Sue LaMontagne, Dean of Student Affairs.

Ultimately, the number of complaints for the community's health led to the discussion of creating a tobacco free campus.

"Former president Evan S. Dobelle had the authority to go tobacco free over a year before we did. At first, we tried to create a no smoking zone 25 feet away from the buildings on campus," explained Dr. Pickron.

While the plan was a good idea in theory, people did not have an idea of what the distance of 25 feet away from a building was and ultimately there was no change in where they smoked. There continued to be complaints from the community with no obvious change, which was the original goal.

"The President decided, after recommendations from the Substance Use Committee, to go ahead and make the campus tobacco free and smoke free with the authority he had from the Board of Trustees," he said.

This meant that smoking was not allowed on any campus-owned property. It did, however, mean that smoking could happen on public sidewalks, such as the one that lines Western Ave, because that is city property.

Smokers began to follow this rule and would respect the fact that they had to walk over to the sidewalk before lighting a cigarette. At first it seemed as though this was a good

solution to the smoking issue on campus. Soon everyone began to realize the plan had its flaws.

"Now you had people lined up on the sidewalk smoking and it didn't look too good and the neighbors complained that they didn't like it," declared Dr. Pickron.

LaMontagne added, "After trying to be completely tobacco-free, the University observed that students and staff were smoking on the front sidewalks adjacent to Western Avenue and in the neighborhoods across the street."

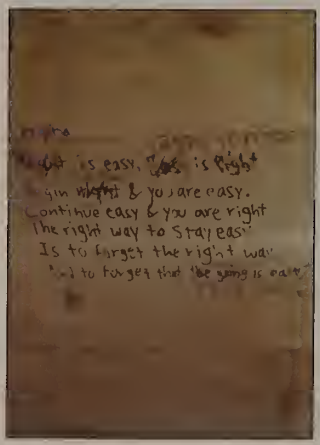
The local neighborhood committees brought forth the issue at numerous city meetings and soon the university realized they needed to create a new alternative.

The next idea proposed was to create designated smoking locations on school grounds. "We knew we were a tobacco free, smoke free campus, but we could have designated areas [for smoking] because we knew that people were still addicted to this habit and can't quit 'like-that'," remarked Dr. Pickron.

The aforementioned idea led to the creation of the two smoking gazebos. He commented, "The president said 'If we're going to identify a place where they can smoke then it needs to have shelter, it needs to be accessible so if you're in a wheelchair you would be able to get there.'"

Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, added, "I think it was really important to add the smoking gazebos simply from a safety standpoint. Not only did it make the neighbors happy, but it provided safe spots for students to smoke."

A total of $40,000 was spent to put up the gazebos; one is located behind the Ely Campus Center and the other in the Commuter Lot. These gazebos are monitored by members of Public Safety.



"Right when the gazebos went up in December 2012, you immediately saw a difference in the number of people smoking on undesignated locations," Dr. Pickron shared.

People respected the fact that these locations were a privilege to have on a tobacco free campus. Following the completion of University Hall, another smoking location was designated, which is the picnic area in the woods. It was decided that it was far enough away from buildings on campus that it would not have a negative effect.

"Some people were really reluctant, but realistically unless you're going to put a guard sitting there all the time there's no way you're going to stop people from smoking there; it's just too natural of a space," he stated.

"I as the Vice President told the President and members of Public Safety to 'not get crazy' and allow those people to smoke there." In the spring of 2013, the Board of Trustees approved of this additional location.

"It was definitely a good move to allow the students to smoke by University Hall. We were seeing students smoke there regularly, and instead of bringing the book on them, it was wiser to allow that space," added Clark.

"It has proven to be a natural space for smokers as there is seating and it is ideal for Public Safety because of the visibility from the road," he added.

While the gazebos have been an effective addition to the smoke free campus, they have seen their fair share of disrespect.

Vandalism in the form of graffiti and damage are well associated with these locations.

"Seeing as these are technically a privilege to have here, I don't get why people would want to destroy them," shared an anonymous freshman. Some theorize that this is backlash at the campus for allowing tobacco on the said "tobacco free campus."

The battle between a complete tobacco free campus and the allowance of some tobacco is, "a long term challenge just like [smoking], a really hard habit to kick," explained Dr. Pickron.

It seems as though the compromise of the gazebos has been the longest lasting solution to tobacco being allowed on a tobacco free campus.

LaMontagne believes, "many folks do try to adhere to the areas but anecdotally, we also hear that some are still using other areas of campus – finding cigarette butts, for instance, in other areas."

While everyone may not be happy with these decisions, "The bottom line is people are still smoking, but having been someone who's been here for 31 years, the air is clearly cleaner," affirmed Dr. Pickron.

He optimistically adds, "My hope is that one day we can get rid of the smoking locations because we would have a campus where 100 percent of people are not addicted to tobacco or nicotine."

(left and top) An example of the offensive content that was seen in the gazebo. (bottom) The wounded adirondack chairs.

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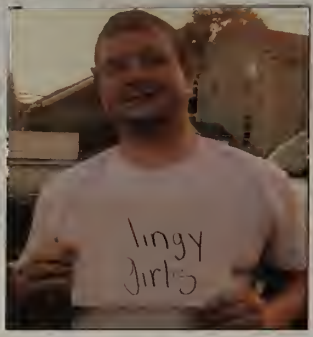
the scene

The Board

We would like to introduce to you the first edition of The Board. This week's question is targeted toward the juniors here at WSU, where we found out their biggest turn offs when it comes to the opposite sex. Here is what they had to say.

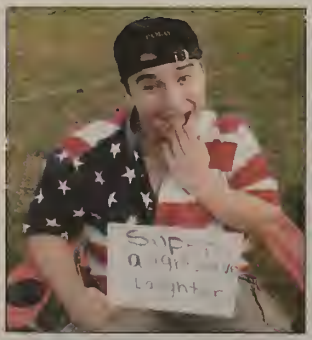
THE BOARD: BIGGEST TURN OFFS

Delaney Norris, a junior from Swansea, MA, attends Westfield with a major in economics.
Fun Fact: She is a black belt in Karate, so make sure not to mess with her.



Andrew Mcintosh, a.k.a. A-Mac, is a junior from Natick, MA, with a major in history.
Fun Fact: He plays prop for the WSU rugby team and he's been a starter since sophomore year.

Jordan Ciaramitaro, a junior from Danvers, MA, attends Westfield as an education major.
Fun Fact: She loves dinosaurs so much that she has a tattoo of one somewhere upon her body.



Shane Donovan, a junior from Billerica, MA, attends WSU with a major in business.
Fun Fact: His favorite animal is a lion and one of his many favorite hobbies is to take long walks on the beach... Stanley Beach.

Olivia Drago, a junior from Melrose, MA, studies elementary education.
Fun Fact: She takes it day by day and enjoys life to the fullest... also, she is single.

Michael Shaw Jr, a.k.a. Shawzie, is a junior from Arlington, MA, studying business.
Fun Fact: He is one of the starting pitchers for the Westfield Man Dimes softball team and surely the most handsome player in the league.

Shows to Look For

1. How to Get Away with Murder- ABC's newest creation this fall; check it out on channel 4 starting at 10 p.m. every Thursday. This show combines crime, suspense, and a legal thriller vibe, with an air of sex appeal as four law students get caught up in a scheme with their professor. With its premiere last week, it is already getting great reviews for an original plot line.

2. American Horror Story: Freak Show- The fourth edition to the saga, and possibly the scariest yet. Fox Network's most disturbing show kicks off on Oct. 8 at 10 p.m. on channel 30. This is a must-watch show, especially after the creators of Season 4 said it might be their best work yet, to the point where they are concerned it will be too scary for viewers to handle. Definitely not for the weak of heart! Watch if you dare, or more importantly, if you can handle it!

3. Black-ish- Another new ABC show this fall, it takes an approach similar to that of Modern Family, but with a focus on being African-American in this day and age. The show revolves around Andre Johnson, a successful entrepreneur, and his family. The fundamental question being examined is whether his success has brought too much assimilation for this black family. Critics are raving over this take on the lifestyle of a prominent African-American family! Catch this comedy at 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday on channel 5.

4. A to Z- Airing Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on NBC, the TV world cannot stop talking about this as the next must-watch show. Created by a student of the How I met Your Mother school of television, it takes the romantic comedy theme seen in many movies and turns it into a TV series. Follow along as two seemingly opposite personalities attract in the most painfully awkward and romantic way possible.

What's Hot in the App Store

According to iPhone Users

- Swype (Utilities)
- AfterLight (Photo & Video)
- Goat Simulator (Games)
- 7 Minute Workout Challenge (Health & Fitness)
- Sleep Cycle Alarm Clock (Health & Fitness)

Our Picks

- 8 Tracks (Music)
- Nike Run (Health & Fitness)
- InstaSize (Photo & Video)
- Yik Yak (Social Media)
- Fade (Social Media)
- Tumblr (Social Media)
- VSCOcam (Photo & Video)

Samantha Kendall, a.k.a. Skendall, reached her peak in 2012 when she won the superlative "Life of the Party" at Sharon High School. Now a communications major, she focuses her time on meeting new people, overdoing it on social media, downloading new music, and bringing a good time to the table, wherever that may be.

She has high hopes for her future and is constantly brainstorming her career options when it comes to the world of communications. This socialite hopes to bring new material to The Voice that will speak to its readers on the topics she enjoys most. Kendall hopes to bring readers together and share her knowledge when it comes to good music, trends, and everything that pertains to college survival and living life to the fullest.

Hannah Pitman recognized her potential when she came to the realization that she had hit her peak as an official "old" person, a.k.a. a washed-up senior here at Westfield State.

With that in mind, she figured, why not use all the knowledge and skill that Westfield State has given her thus far?

As a communications major, she is a big people person interested in everyone's story and style. She is also an avid "foodie" as well as a hunter of new music and trends.

With a passion for writing and a profession in being awkward, you can guarantee she will contribute some interesting things to the social scene of The Voice!

21 and Up Bar Schedule

Sundays:
Half-price appetizers and $4 margaritas at Applebee's 12-3 p.m.

Mondays:
6 wings for $1 and $1.25 drafts at Whip City Brew

Tuesdays:
All you can eat boneless wings for $6.99 and $2 draft beers at The Hangar

Wednesdays:
Trivia, .50 wings and $1 Rolling Rock at Paddy's Irish Pub

Thursdays:
Live DJ, $2 beer and $3 mixed drinks at Shenanigans Pub

Fridays:
Karaoke and Free Jukebox at 7B's Bar and Grill

Saturdays:
Live DJ, $3 shots of the month and $2 draft beer at The Maple Leaf Bar and Grill

arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Bang Bang - Jessie J, Ariana
4. Anaconda - Nicki Minaj
5. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
6. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
7. Breakfree - Ariana Grande ft. 2edd
8. Boom Clap - Charli XCX
9. Chandelier - Sia
10. Don't Tell "Em - Jeremih Ft. YG

top 10 albums

1. Partners - Barbra Streisand
2. X - Chris Brown
3. Sundown Heaven Town - Tim McGraw
4. The Cowboy Rides Away: Live From AT&T Stadium - George Strait
5. Bulletproof Picasso - Train
6. Native - OneRepublic
7. V - Maroon 5
8. Anomaly - Lecrae
9. Reincarnate - Motionless In White
10. World On Fire - Slash Ft. Myles Kennedy & The Conspirators

box office

1. The Equalizer
2. The Maze Runner
3. The Boxtrolls
4. This is Where I Leave You
5. Dolphin Tale 2
6. No Good Deed (2006)
7. A Walk Amoung the Tombstones
8. Guardians of the Galaxy
9. Let's Be Cops
10. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

upcoming releases

1. Chef
2. Transformers: Age of Extinction
3. Are You Here
4. Cold in July
5. Decoding Annie Parker
6. Hellion
7. Ivory Tower
8. Lucky Them
9. Third PersonSpace Station
10. Thunder and the House of Magic

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Family Day hailed as a success

Nathwan Benoit
Voice Reporter

On Sept. 27, Westfield State University held Family Day at the Woodward Center. I enjoyed this event because they had great entertainment and numerous tables to purchase things. They had a generous amount of food and the overall atmosphere of the event was inviting and stress-free.

The entertainment was beneficial to the overall progress of the day. Families got to see a wide range of performers that brought laughter and amazement to their day. Some of the entertainment consisted of Magician Dave Chandler, The Step Team Dance Club, and the AcaOwlettes.

Chandler kept the audience in check with his impressive magic skills. He would connect three separate ropes together or cut up a card (chosen by the audience) and somehow teleport it into the inside of a lemon. The Step Team Dance Club showered the audience with unique dance moves, whicb involved stomping the ground. The AcaOwlettes, an all-girl, student-arranged A Cappella Treble Choir, performed Taylor Swift's new song "Shake it Off."

Across the pavement, there were a variety of tables and stands. Some had crafts that you could buy while others had school shirts. A couple of the tables had raffles where you could win a pair of tickets to a Patriots game or a $100 gift card to the bookstore.

From left to right Danny Chamberlain, Tay Meadows, Nikki Primeau, Shannon Cullinane, Tara Saraf, SGA Advisor Barbara Hand, CAB Advisor Matthew Dellea

You could also build your name with different pictures for each letter and have it framed, which was very popular. There was a bouncy house and a trampoline, which attracted the younger crowd.

The food was definitely a high point in the day. Tbere was a wide selection of food, including chicken, hamburgers, pasta salad, tossed salad, corn bread, and cookies. You could spend a little more money on the tickets and get a better selection, like ribs. Though lunch was delicious, dessert was equally as delectable; they also had free fried dough and cupcakes.

I thought that although the activities were great, the most important thing about this day was tbat students could see their parents. I feel as though a lot of freshmen are beginning to feel homesick and stressed from school. I think spending the day with their parents is good because it shows them that they are not alone.

Overall, this day was a success with the entertainment, food, raffles, and the stress-free atmosphere it created for freshmen.

STAGE NOTES

2014 Theater Hall of Fame Inductees

Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

This week, the Theater Hall of Fame has announced its Lifetime Achievement in theater inductees. The actors include Susan Stroman, actor F. Murray Abraham, actor Alvin Epstein, actor Blythe Danner, former theatre critic Frank Rich, Chairman of the Shubert Organization Philip J. Smith, playwright Alfred Uhry, and director Marsball Mason.

Some of the more famous names, such as Susan Stroman, are receiving generous coverage by national media outlets for their impending achievement.

Stroman most recently is known for directing Young Frankenstein (2009), The Scottsboro Boys (2010), and most recently Bullets Over Broadway (2014).

Even more so exciting in the public eye is Blythe Danner, who to non-theater fans is popularly known as the mother in the popular Meet the Parents series.

However, to theater aficionados, Danner is known as tbe original Viola in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night when it came to Broadway in 1972 and as Blanche in the 1988 production of A Streetcar Named Desire, among other prolific roles.

Each summer, over 250 members of the Theater Hall of Fame and American theatre critics cast their vote, eventually narrowing down to the final inductees for that year.

To be eligible for inclusion on the annual voting ballot, a nominee must have at least 25 years in the American theatre.

They must also bave attained five major credits on Broadway or have acted as a leading pioneer of Off-Broadway or regional theatre.

The date for the induction ceremony has yet to be announced, but the theater world will be anxiously waiting for this opportunity to celebrate some of Broadway's greats.

what's happening at westfield?

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Follow what happens this **October** by checking out the STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR!

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3:30-6 p.m. - Billiard Club (University Hall)
4-5 p.m. - Yoga for Relaxation (Wellness Center)
7-8 p.m - Yom Kippur Service (Interfaith Center)
8:00 p.m - 12 a.m WSKB DJ Dance Party (Scanlon Banquet Hall)

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10 - 11 a.m. & 6-7 p.m. Yom Kippur Service (Interfaith Center)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Trail Rehabilitation Volunteer Project Chapel (Ledge, Ashfield)
1 p.m. - WSU vs Plymouth State Football -(Alumni Field)
6 p.m. - Men's Soccer vs Mass Maritime (Alumni Field)
7:30-9:30 p.m. - WHIP Comedy Improv (Dever Stage)

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11 a.m. - Catholic Mass with Father Savage (Interfaith Center)

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3:30-6 p.m - Billiard Club (University Hall)
4-5:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m. - Fitness Workshop

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8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Worm Town (Ely Lobby)
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - C&S Wholesale (Wilson Quixotes)
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Poetry Reading (Wilson 317)
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Career Services (Ely Lobby)
1 - 2 p.m. - Test Taking Workshop (Banacos Center)
4 - 5 p.m. - SI Session: Peer Run (Bates 225)
4 - 5:30 p.m. - Westfield State Rugby (Stanley Park)

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8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Worm Town (Ely Lobby)
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Commuter Luncheon (Tekoa Room)
1 - 2 p.m. - Test Taking Workshop (Banacos Center)
1:30 - 2:15 p.m. - Washington Internship Information Session (Owl's Nest Ely)
1 - 7 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive (Parenzo Gym)
4 - 5:30 p.m. - Understanding Nutrition (Owl's Nest)
7 p.m. - Vollyball WSU vs Amherst (Woodward Center)
7 p.m. - Field Hockey WSU vs Fitchburg State)
7:30 - 9 p.m. - Tres Vida (Dever Stage)

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Arming Recruiting (Ely Lobby)
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Tasting Event (Wilson Lounge)
1:30 - 4 p.m. - Career Fair (Woodward Center)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Town Meeting (Dever Stage)
4 - 5:30 p.m. - Westfield State Rugby (Stanley Park)
4 - 8 p.m. - Ambassadors For Christ (Interfaith Chapel)
8 - 9 p.m. - Relay For Life Club (University Hall)

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3:30-6 p.m - Billiard Club (University Hall)
4-5 p.m. - Yoga (Wellness Center)

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Knowing to Cook

A New Way to Think of Pumpkins

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

PHOTO FROM WIKIPEDIA

Despite the stretch of warm weather that accompanied this past weekend, there is no doubt that autumn has arrived. The leaves on the trees are beginning to turn brilliant shades of red, yellow, and orange. The mornings and nights are getting colder and the days are getting shorter.

But we all love autumn, no one can deny that. Visiting orchards and farms to pick apples and pumpkins, hayrides, and the harvest brings universal joy to us here in New England.

Yet, there is one symbol of autumn which stands out amongst all others: pumpkins. Pumpkins have become rather cliché. They are synonymous with holidays; Halloween and Thanksgiving especially.

Despite all of the commercialism that surrounds pumpkins, barely anyone utilizes this wonderful plant for what it is: a vegetable.Let this question simmer in your mind for a moment: have you ever used a pumpkin as the main ingredient in a recipe?

This may not be the case with everyone, but I am going to go out on a limb and postulate that the only recipes the majority of you have ever eaten involving pumpkins were either Pumpkin Pie, Pumpkin Bread, or Baked Pumpkin Seeds. The point of this week's edition is to break the gastronomical and commercial barrier which encapsulates the pumpkin.

Pumpkins can be used in a multitude of ways, such as in soups, breads, desserts, sauces, fillings, and as accompaniment. Maybe this year, instead of mashed squash at Thanksgiving dinner, try mashed pumpkin. There are so many different things you can do with this vegetable that if I were to go on about all of it, I'd take up the entire A&E section.

My main focus is to further examine this different side of the pumpkin. We are all familiar with the sweet side of the pumpkin, with wonderful desserts such as Pumpkin Pie being a staple in American culture.

But what of the pumpkin's savory nature? This is where creativity and willingness to experiment come into play. The pumpkin is basically a squash, a winter squash to be precise.

So why is the pumpkin not treated as equally as its counterparts? Simple answer: pumpkins are more aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Why do you think we carve faces and shapes into them every year?

Because pumpkins are fun to look at; at least more so than a squash. Perhaps it is for that reason that we are hesitant to consume such an entertaining plant.

As readers of this column will know, I am very fond of experimentation. Experimentation is one of the reasons cooking is so enjoyable, especially if an experiment turns out well, because you get to enjoy the results. Recently, I stumbled upon a recipe on the internet for a pumpkin based sauce to accompany farfalle pasta.

The creator of this dish was the Italian chef, Gennaro Contaldo. He is a bright and bubbly man and is extremely passionate about his native cuisine. He is also one of Jamie Oliver's best friends and mentors. Often times, after he has tasted a completed dish, he will gaze up at the heavens and shout: "Why am I cooking so good?!"

While the pumpkin is not a staple of Italian cuisine, Contaldo (like any good cook) was willing and courageous enough to experiment. The pumpkin and farfalle recipe, which will be included at the end, is incredibly simple.

For those of you who remember, the first recipe I ever provided was a recipe for a simple tomato sauce. Basically, what Contaldo has done is replaced the tomatoes with pumpkins.

Due to time restraints and the workload of the semester, I have not yet been able to make this recipe.

I have watched the YouTube video in which Contaldo makes this dish multiple times and have subsequently fallen in love with the dish before even trying it. So, I know what I will be doing with my free time this weekend.

I hope I have been able to properly convey the amount of possibilities that present themselves once you break free of the clichéd hold that has befallen the pumpkin. As always, I am encouraging you to go out and experiment. You may love what you discover!

Enjoy Gennaro Contaldo's recipe for Pumpkin Farfalle.

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

GENNARO CONTALDO'S PUMPKIN FARFALLE

Ingredients:

- 1 cup diced pumpkin
- 1 chili pepper, chopped
- 3-4 cloves garlic, crushed and minced
- 2 branches rosemary, chopped roughly
- Olive Oil
- Salt & Pepper
- ½ cup to 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 box farfalle pasta

Instructions:

1. Heat olive oil in a medium sized sauce pan over high heat. Once oil is hot, add the garlic and chili.
2. Add the rosemary and sweat the garlic, chili, and rosemary.
3. Add the pumpkin and cook for about 2-3 minutes.
4. Add the chicken or vegetable sauce, reduce heat, and cook for 4-5 minutes.
5. Pour the farfalle pasta into a pot of boiling water.
6. Once the farfalle is al dente, strain the pasta and add it to the sauce. Cook for another minute or two.
7. Serve with parmesan cheese and bread.

Recipe courtesy of Gennaro Contaldo and Jamie Oliver's FoodTube, all rights reserved to them.

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WESTFIELD STATE FIELD HOCKEY

Late Plymouth goal drops Westfield

WSU Athletic Department

Sophomore Meg Doherty scored both goals for the Owls on Saturday, September 27th. They were her first two goals of the season after going scoreless for the first six contests.

Four different players scored for the Westfield State University field hockey team as the visiting Owls posted a 4-1 Little East Conference victory over Bridgewater State University on Tuesday night at Swenson Field.

The Owls improve to 4-4 on the season with the win and 1-3 in the Little East, while the host Bears slip to 4-5 overall and 2-2 in conference play. The Bears opened the scoring less than six minutes into the contest as junior midfielder Emily Mosca (Dedham, Mass.) tucked a shot inside the right post off an assist from junior forward Kelsey Kiely (Mansfield, Mass.). Kiely set up the goal as she slipped a pass from directly in front of the net to Mosca who was stationed hy the right post.

The Owls tied it with 2:34 remaining in the opening stanza as senior defender Kelsey Carpenter (Barre, Mass.) blasted home a shot from just inside the circle.

The teams headed to the intermission with the score knotted at 1-1.

Junior midfielder Allison Lucenta (Natick, Mass.) broke the deadlock in the 41st minute off a penalty corner. Junior forward Emily Williams (Deerfield, Mass.) picked up the assist with the entry pass off the corner.

Sophomore forward Holly Brouillette (Burlington, Mass.) made it 3-1 game in the 47th minute as she scored off a scramble in front of the net with sophomore forward Meg Doherty (Mansfield, Mass.) registering the assist.

A breakaway goal by senior forward Kelly Kenney (Suffield, Conn.) set up hy freshman forward Megan Evans (Enfield, Conn.) in the 56th minute put the finishing touches on the win for the Owls.

The Bears best scoring opportunity in the second half came on a penalty shot with just over four minutes remaining in regulation. However, Westfield sophomore keeper Alanah Melanson (Chelmsford, Mass.) made a great blocker save on a shot labeled for the right side of the net to preserve the three-goal advantage.

The Owls held an 18-9 shot advantage for the game. Melanson picked up the win between the pipes for Westfield as she came on to start the second half in relief of classmate Megan Fountaine (Scituate, Mass.). Melanson notched two saves while Fountaine recorded three. BSU sophomore netminder Kaylyn Allahyarian (Norwell, Mass.) turned aside nine shots in the setback.

The Bears entertain non-conference foe Anna Maria College on Thursday night at seven. The Owls travel to the University of Southern Maine on Saturday afternoon for a 2:30 Little East match-up with the Huskies.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Saturday, September 27th
M Soccer vs Bridgewater State
L 0-1
M/W XC at Williams College Purple Classic 14th/14th
W Golf at Middlebury College Invitational (no score)
W VBall vs Wellesley College
L 0-3
Field Hockey vs Plymouth State
L 2-3
W Soccer vs Bridgewater State
W 8-1

Sunday, September 28th
W Golf at Middlebury College Invitational (no score)

Tuesday, September 30rd
Field Hockey at Bridgewater State W 4-1
M Golf at Westfield State Invitational (4th of 14 teams)

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Wednesday, October 1st
W VBall at Worcester State 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 3rd
W VBall at Babson 6:00 p.m.
W VBall at WNEU 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4th
W Soccer at Mass. Maritime 12:00 p.m.
W Golf at Williams College Invite12:30 p.m.
Football vs Plymouth State 1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey at Southern Maine 2:30 p.m.
M Soccer vs. Mass Maritime 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 5th
W Golf at Williams College Invite 12:30 p.m.
W VBall vs Amherst College 7:00 p.m.

Fall Intramural Standings

AS OF MONDAY SEPT. 29

Women's Volleyball:
Bomb Squad 1-1
WH Drywallers 1-1
Ain't no vb girls 0-2

Men's Volleyball:
OGBC 2-0
You Lift Bro 2-0
I'd hit that 1-1
Bustin Bruins 1-1
TDMP 0-0
Bucks 0-2

Flag Football: Skilled-East Division:
Octopus 3-1
OGBC 2-1
Seagulls 2-1
C Poppers 2-1
Boston's Finest 1-1
Dunkin D Heads 0-3
Darkinson Dark Squirrels 0-3

Skilled-West Division:
Back That Pass Up 3-0
Below Avg Andy's 2-1
Bucks 2-1
Carpet Cleaners 2-2
Scanlon Hoots 1-2
Deadbeat Creeps 0-3

Highly Skilled Division:
X 4-0
TDMP 1-1
Money Team 1-1
C Stunts 1-2
Space Monkey Mafia 1-2
49ers 1-3

Men's 3 v 3 Basketball: Highly Skilled:
Super Sonics 2-0
Splash Bros 2-0
TDMP 0-0
The Minions 0-2

Skilled:
OGBC 2-0
Heart over Height 1-1
Little Giants 1-1
Team ZNJK 0-0
Zip Em up West 0-0
McBuckets 0-2
The Legends 0-2

1 Pitch Softball:
Hit it & Quit it 1-0
Westfield Man Dimes 3-1
Moose & the Boys 3-2
Ball Dad's 2-3
TDMP 0-0
Bangerz 0-1
Below Avg Andy's 0-2

Beaudry shoots 73 to lead Westfield

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State senior Tyler Beaudry fired a 2-over-par 73 en route to a third place individual finish, and led the Owls to a fourth place finish in the 14-yeam Westfield State Invitational at Tekoa Country Club on Tuesday.

Beaudry's 73 on the 6438-yard Donald Ross/Geoffrey Cornish designed course was three strokes back of individual medalist Zach Temple of Castleton State, who shot a 1-under 70. Rhode Island College's pat Ford was second with an even par 71.

Ford's round helped the Anchorment to win the team title with a total score of 302. Babson was second at 309, Castleton third at 314 and Westfield fourth with 316.

The Owls also got strong rounds from Derek Doiron, who shot 79, and Mike Sarkus, who paced the Owls "White" team with a 76.

Westfield State will be back in action at the ECAC Championships at the Crumpin Fox Golf Club in Bernardston, Mass. on October 11-12 to conclude the fall season.

Football prepares for tough game against Plymouth State

WSU Athletic Department

Home again for the first time in almost a month, the Westfield State University football team hosts Plymouth State on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference match up at Alumni Field.

The Owls hope to draw a crowd similar to the season opener, when they defeated Nichols 30-22 in front of a crowd of more than 3,000 that packed the stands. Since then Westfield has played a pair of road contests at Western New England and UMass Dartmouth, and last week had their bye week as dictated by the conference schedule.

The Owls bring a 2-1 overall record, and a 1-0 mark in the league into the game against Plymouth.

"Everybody else played a game last week, and we didn't," said Westfield State head coach Pete Kowalski. "We have to make sure that we are mentally tough and ready to play on Saturday."

Despite the layoff, Kowalski viewed the break as another chance for his Owls to improve.

"We wanted to use the time for our players to improve as individuals – improve technique, improve athletic ability. Offensively we worked on assignments, defensively on technique, and special teams on individual responsibilities."

"This week of practice, the focus is on Plymouth, and I expect it to be a dogfight on Saturday."

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Live stats and video will be available at www.WestfieldStateOwls.com. The game will also be broadcast on WSKB 89.5 FM in greater Westfield.

THE SERIES:

Westfield is 1-10 all time against Plymouth. The Panthers dominated the Owls, winning 10 straight games from 1982-1991, albeit those were the first 10 years of the Westfield State football program. Westfield hung a 31-0 defeat on the Panthers last year in Plymouth, N.H..

LAST YEAR:

Westfield's defense held Plymouth to just 105 yards of total offense and the Owls got a defensive score from Nick Adams, who returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown to cap the scoring. Kevin Duffy led the Owls defense with 13 tackles, and Marcus Pettigrew (Auburn/Auburn, Mass.) had a pair of sacks. Jonathan Lytle (Sheehan/Wallingford, Conn.) had seven stops, three for losses. Offensively, Tim Rich was an efficient 11-13 passing for 245 yards and one touchdown. Westfield ground out 174 yards rushing with a workload spread among Michael Mercadante (Minnechaug/Wilbrham, Mass.) (79 yards) Brian Beauchemin (45) and Colby Bostek (37).

LAST WEEK:

Was the Owls' bye week. In the last game, on September 20, Westfield edged UMass Dartmouth to win the team's MASCAC opener, 14-13. Plymouth lost to UMass-Dartmouth 20-5 last week in Plymouth.

WESTFIELD ON OFFENSE:

Mercadante again drives the Owls offense. He has 2-100 yard rushing games so far this season and ranks second in the league at 130.5 yards per game. Steve Guercio (Gardner/Gardner, Mass.) and Erik Washburn (Norwich Free Academy/Lisbon, Conn.) have split time at quarterback for the Owls. Guercio is 21-41 for 254 yards and a TD, while Washburn is 14-24 for 130 yards and a score. Bobby Boire (Millbury/Millbury, Mass.) headlines the Owls' receivers with 12 catches for 163 yards and a TD. The Owls'veteran offensive line features four seniors in Eddie Fallon (Minnechaug/Wilbraham, Mass.), Wayne McGillicuddy (Lowell/Lowell, Mass.), Tom Sarkisian (Auburn/Auburn, Mass.) and Kyle Seidnitzer (Minnechaug/Wilbraham, Mass.).

WESTFIELD ON DEFENSE:

The Owls rank second in the MASCAC, allowing just 17.3 points per game to their opponents, and third in yards allowed with opponents gaining just 307 yards per game. Senior middle linebacker Troy Cutter (Lunenberg/Lunenberg, Mass.) leads the Owls with 24 tackles and has forced a pair of fumbles. Pettigrew and Lytle give the Owls a pair of strong bookends on the defensive line, both have 22 tackles on the year and a penchant for being disruptive in the backfield. Pettigrew has 7.5 tackles for losses and three sacks, while Lytle has four stops behind the line and a pair of sacks. Greg Sheridan (Burlington/Burlington, Mass.) leads the secondary with 21 tackles.

WESTFIELD ON SPECIAL TEAMS:

Freshman punter John Ollari is third in the league with a 40-yard per kick average. Mike Bortulussi is 5-6 on extra point tries. Jordan Brown is averaging nearly 27 yards per kick return.

SCOUTING PLYMOUTH STATE:

Plymouth State brings a 1-3 record into the game with a 30-24 win over Mount Ida sandwiched between losses to Castleton State, Western Connecticut, and UMass Dartmouth.

"Plymouth is a well coached, power running team, and a sound, physical football team," said Kowalski.

PLYMOUTH ON OFFENSE:

Senior Mark Hennessey (Westford Academy/Westford, Mass.) and junior Andrew Vollaro (Haddam Killingworth/Higganum, Conn.) see the panther's share of the time in the backfield and have alternated reps at tailback and fullback. Hennessey has 268 yards gained on the season and four touchdowns. Vollaro has 197 rushing yards through four games, and quarterback Drew Bolton (Concord/Concord, N.H.) has scrambled for 81 yards, including one 67-yard run. The Panthers have used three different starters so far this season at quarterback. Ryan Perron (N. Attleboro/N. Attleboro, Mass.) has thrown for 150 yards to lead that trio. RJ Kasper (Haddam Killingworth/Killingworth, Conn.) has been the primary receiving threat for Plymouth with 13 catches for 173 yards.

PLYMOUTH ON DEFENSE:

The Panthers are yielding 395 yards and 27.2 points per game to opponents. Sophomore defensive back RJ Ramsden Northampton/Florence, Mass.) leads with 28 tackles and has recovered three fumbles. Senior defensive lineman Kyle Wilson (Dover/Dover, N.H.) has 22 tackles and 2.5 sacks. Defensive back Sean Kunkel has picked off a pair of passes.

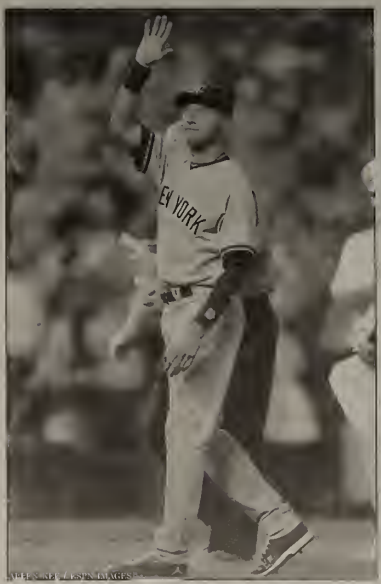
PLYMOUTH ON SPECIAL TEAMS:

Kicker Rob Giles (Pinkerton/Derry, N.H.) is having a fine year with 4-5 field goals made and is 5-6 on extra point tries. Hunter Hawanczak (33.7 ypp) and Chris Smith (32.0 ypp) have split duties punting.

A LOOK AHEAD:

Westfield travels to Framingham State on Saturday, October 11 for a noon kickoff. Framingham was ranked third in this week's New England Division III poll, and the game shapes up as a key one in the race for the MASCAC title. The Owls hope to bring a title back to Westfield

The Ideal Athlete in Every Sense of the Word



Derek Jeter waves to the crowd after his last Sunday Night Baseball game at Camden Yards. Jeter retired this week with after a walkoff as only he could

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

Derek Jeter will always be remembered as being one of the greatest Yankees of all time. A 14-time All-Star, five-time World Series Champion, and five-time Gold Glove recipient, his stats alone are enough to solidify him a place as, not only one of the best shortstops of all time, but one of the best to ever play the game.

Jeter came to New York as a rookie in 1995 with high hopes for a struggling Yankee squad, and he did not disappoint, leading the Yankees to their first World Series Championship in 18 years in 1996. Jeter would go on to win three more titles in four years, winning World Series Most Valuable Player in 2000.

In 2001, he led a talented Yankee team to another World Series appearance amidst the wake of the 9/11 attacks, falling to the Arizona Diamondbacks in seven games at the hands of Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson. Still, his smile never faded, and two years later he brought them back to the World Series, only to fall once again, this time to the Florida Marlins. That same year, he was named Captain, a title that stayed with him through the rest of his career.

In 2004, the Yankees lost a 3-0 series lead in the American League Championship Series to the eventual champion Boston Red Sox. Jeter would not come that close to a World Series Championship again until 2009, when he led the Yankees to a 4-2 series win over the Philadelphia Phillies. Earlier that season, he became the Yankees all time leader in hits, surpassing the record previously held by Lou Gehrig.

Throughout his career, the Captain amassed a .310 lifetime batting average, an astonishing 3,465 career hits, 260 career home runs, and 1,311 runs batted in, and he holds Yankee records with 544 doubles, 368 stolen bases, and an astronomical 11,195 at bats over an iconic 20 year career. But it's not the numbers that the sure-fire Hall of Famer will be remembered for.

One of the best qualities about Jeter was not his excellent defense or his amazing speed but rather his ability to lead. Throughout his 20-year career, Jeter never ceased to set the example, not only for fans but for his fellow teammates as well. It's because of this that so many respected him on and off the field.

Even in his last game at Fenway Park, home to the Yankees' archrival Boston Red Sox, the Captain received a standing ovation as he returned to the dugout for the final time. The players who once rivaled and despised the logo he wore on his jersey rejoiced him, celebrating the man they had always admired.

In his time as a Yankee, Jeter truly embodied the ideal of good sportsmanship, competitiveness, and most of all, integrity. He did not use performance-enhancing drugs to better his play or let his ego get in the way. He played the game he loved like every player should, and for that we owe him the utmost re2pect

Post negative PR, NFL has hope, Still

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

The NFL appears to be falling apart at the seams with corruption and domestic abuse becoming a popular problem. You have probably heard about Ray Rice and the elevator surveillance video that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell claimed he had not seen until it was made public on Sept. 8.

Although the latest update says that the tapes were received by the chief of security, Jeffrey Miller, at the NFL headquarters in April, Goodell still preaches innocence.

Adrian Peterson, a running back for the Minnesota Vikings and one of the most prolific running backs the league has ever seen, was suspended indefinitely from all team activities after what he calls "disciplining" his son by whipping him with a switch (a strong, flexible, wooden stick).

Other players suspended recently for domestic abuse are the Panther's defensive end, Greg Hardy, and the Cardinal's running back, Jonathan Dwyer.

Not that this is uncommon over the course of a season in the NFL, but they are all related to domestic abuse and occur in the same time span. Well, believe it or not, somewhere in the NFL a lot of good is happening. Over in Cincinnati, cuts were being made and players were being signed to the practice squad.

One of these cuts was Devon Still, a defensive tackle who was entering his third year as a member of the Cincinnati Bengals. Still was not happy by any means with being cut from the team, but he was extremely grateful that the organization decided to sign him to the practice squad.

Still is a unique case. His 4 year old daughter, Leah, currently has stage 4 pediatric cancer, so he was grateful

PHOTO FROM ABC NEWS

to be signed to the practice squad because he would be getting paid and the team's insurance policy would cover all of Leah's medical expenses.

While the NFL appears to be full of players and coaches that are cold-hearted, conceited, and money-obsessed, that is not completely true. All of Still's jersey sales since it was public that his daughter was going through cancer treatment have gone to research for pediatric cancer at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Over 10,000 jerseys of Still's have been ordered at $100 each. Coach Sean Payton of the New Orleans Saints ordered 100 jerseys himself to help the cause.

This shows the true humanity of the NFL and how people come together to help.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21-April 19):
You will encounter a taxing inner turmoil in your life this week. You will deal with the problem by making a scene at your Grandmother's birthday party and never resolve the problem.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20):
The position of Jupiter suggests that you remain tranquil this week. I would advise you to quell that incessant impulse to strangle your boss.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20):
Keep your nose to the grindstone. Someone dropped a twenty dollar bill there.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22):
The stars predict a wildly prosperous week for all Cancers - except for you.

Leo
(July 23-August 22):
Expect a grand surprise this week when all of your friends cruelly betray you.

Virgo
(August 23-September 21):
Avoid all Sagittariuses that have stabbed you in the back physically or metaphorically.

Libra
(September 22-October 23):
The position of Mercury says that you're an extremely intelligent and sociable person. Mercury is a compulsive liar.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 21):
Don't put all of your eggs in one basket and then be rude and inconsiderate to your eggs.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21):
Ignore everyone's harsh criticisms. What do they know? Your phenomenal Dance, Dance Revolution skills are the only skills you need to succeed in life.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19):
I know your mother has been discouraging you from getting that severe facial surgery, but you should really go through with it.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18):
Your love life will take a turn for the worst when your significant other falls into a deep coma. Despite what the doctors say, it was all your fault.

Pisces
(February 19-March 22):
The stars are hazy in regards to your future, Pisces. However, they do predict that you will wake up tomorrow, go through your daily routine, and then go to sleep.

games & leisure

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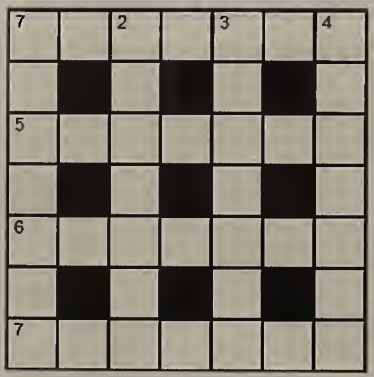

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10/4	6 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Mass Maritime	Alumni Field
10/4	7:30 pm	WHIP Comedy Improv	Dever Stage
10/6	4 & 6pm	How Fit Are You?	Woodward Center
10/7&8	9 am	VENDOR: Worm Town	Campus Green
10/7	10 am	VENDOR: C&S Wholesale Job Recruitment	Wilson/Quixotes
10/7	11 am	Career Services: Find Out What's Available	Ely Lobby
10/7	11:45/12:45	Voices From Inside—Open Classroom	Wilson 317
10/7&8	1 pm/2 pm	Tests: How To Study For And Then Take Tests	Banacos Center
10/7	2 pm	Flu Vaccine: $25 Today: $75	Scanlon Banquet Hall
10/8		National Pierogi Day	Dining Commons
10/8	11:30-1:30	Commuter Luncheon With Academic Advising	Tekoa Room
10/8	1-7 pm	Donate Blood—Red Cross	Lower Level Gym
10/8	1:30 pm	Washington Internship Info Session	Owl's Nest
10/8	4 pm	Understanding Nutrition	Owl's Nest
10/9	7 pm	Volleyball vs. Amherst	Alumni Field
10/8	7 pm	Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State	Alumni Field
10/8	7:30 pm	Tres Vida	Dever Stage
10/9	10 am-2 pm	VENDOR: Army Recruitment—Sgt. Craven	Ely Lobby
10/9	10 am	Simply-To-Go Testing Event	Wilson Lounge
10/9	1:30 pm	Gov't, Criminal Justice & Non Profit Career Fair	Woodward Center
10/9	3:30 pm	Town Meeting	Dever Stage
10/9	8 pm	Join Relay For Life Club Interest Meeting	University Hall
10/9	8 pm	Elfie Event—Scrabulous Burgers Late Night	Dining Hall

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Trustees to move forward with presidential search process; search firm to be sought

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The board of trustees made it abundantly clear at their Wednesday meeting that they want the presidential search to press on.

Elizabeth Scheibel, chair of the board, began the conversation about the presidential search by announcing the board members who will lead the presidential search committee.

Trustees Steven Marcus '88 and Terrell Hill '92 will be the chair and vice-chair, respectively.

The committee will be comprised in the near future and will be made up of other trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students in an effort to make the decision on who will be the twentieth president of Westfield State University transparent.

Scheibel had then commented that the board had felt it prudent to hold off on the search until after the release of the report that was being compiled by the Office of the Inspector General on the Dobelle scandal.

The board of trustees also needed to fill vacant positions, which were completed earlier in the academic year with the appointments of Robert Martin and Robert Johnson and last week with the appointments of Madeline Landrau and Linda Slakey.

She then applauded interim president Elizabeth Preston's idea of having meetings with the university vice presidents and presidents of the various unions.

Scheibel acknowledged that it was very good to get the perspectives of the various constituencies.

"This is where the real stuff is," said Marcus.

He was very happy to see how impassioned they were.

Scheibel then affirmed that she is "ready to move forward with a search" using a search firm.

"This process should grow organically or move organically... with assistance of a search firm, the search committee will make the next steps," she added.

"I think I can speak for the board when I say that we want this to be inclusive," she ended.

Trustee Luis Perez said that what Scheibel had said is echoed "loud and clear."

He affirmed the board's position that new members should participate in the process, which was the original motive for waiting until the board was full to resume the search.

At that point, Scheibel interjected and said that she took new members joining and the board generally not knowing each other into account when making her decision.

Former board chair Kevin Queenin agreed with Scheibel and Perez.

"Rather than focusing on the start date, we need to focus on the process," he said.

Once a search firm is chosen, they will work with the presidential search committee to establish a timeline.

Trustee Martin was another in agreement.

"I think [Scheibel] put it very well," he started.

Martin began talking about how the university community should be involved in defining what qualities we want the new president to have.

"The process defines what a president is and what a president is not," he said. The trustees all nodded in agreement.

A conversation needs to happen about where the university wants to go in five or ten years, he said to more head nods.

"In the final analysis, you don't know if a search was successful until a year or two after you've hired the person... searches are more likely to be successful when the university has its act together with what qualities the person has to have," he said.

Landrau added that it is good to take the time to be diligent and efficient.

Johnson gave the final comments on the issue. "A quality outcome is better than a timely one," he said to many nods and approvals.

He complimented Preston on allowing the trustees to be in a position where they do not have to rush to find a permanent president.

Now that the board of trustees agreed to continue the process of the presidential search, a request for proposal will be sent out to solicit search firms to place bids.

The bids will return and the university will make a decision on what search firm that they will use by January.

The timetable, which will conclude with the new president's first day in office, will be determined by the search firm and the presidential search committee.

After the meeting, Scheibel said, "Now that we are two and a half months past the OIG report, the university has put into place, both before the report and subsequent, the recommendations that will strengthen the university and prevent risks of the activities happening again."

She added, "I'm excited to begin moving the university forward. We have a great group of students, faculty, administration, and staff who are stakeholders in finding a new president. I look forward to hearing from everyone and getting their input in finding the right person who will move us forward."

Zack Mazzone, a senior elementary education major, was relieved by the search moving forward.

"Finally! It's been a long time coming so it's a relief," he said.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the Student Government Association and a would-be ex officio member of the presidential search committee, said, "I am so happy that Dr. Preston has been our interim president, but I'm also very excited that the process is beginning and I look forward to being able to be an advocate for the type of president Westfield State University students deserve."

Trustees hear about summer academic successes

(above) John and Patrick Bartel at the Sweet Success Scholarship Dessert Event last Wednesday. They and two other students spoke of their summer academic successes to the trustees at their Wednesday meeting. *See page 3.*

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Interim president Elizabeth Preston fields questions on future Commencements and budget from the Senate

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president of Westfield State University, met with the Student Government Association last Tuesday to answer questions and address concerns from the senators.

Preston said the administration is trying very hard to keep everyone informed on campus as well as getting feedback from students on campus.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, asked what location will be used for senior commencement in the future and if there would be a new committee to discuss the locations for future convocations.

Preston said commencement is at the MassMutual Center this year, but the Commencement Committee is being formed next month to discuss possible alternatives for future classes as well as the details for the 2015 Commencement.

The committee, Preston said, should have students on it to give the campus' viewpoint on where Commencement should be.

Preston curiously asked Losco what his opinion was on where commencement should be and he said that the MassMutual Center is better than the campus green because of the indoor environment and centralized location for the event.

Preston candidly replied that she used to strongly be in favor of having Commencement on the campus green.

She said, "I have to say having been through a couple of Commencements at MassMutual now, it really has some significant advantages, so I find myself really torn."

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, asked the interim president what her future plans were after a permanent president was found for the university. Preston said she would ultimately, and most likely, go back to the faculty of the Communication Department when a new president is found.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, asked Preston if any definite administration changes will occur in the near future. She answered by saying that there were no definite changes being discussed. Preston did say that Andrew Bonacci, dean of undsrgraduate studies, may step down from his role as dean and return to the Music Department faculty because of his love of teaching.

Mathew Carlin, vice president of finance, asked what the status of the university's budget was and if there was anything that could affect students negatively such as fee increases or reduction in a certain service for the students.

Preston gave, as she called it, a "slightly complicated answer." She said this year the university's budget is based on the presumption the university would have 4,675 paying day students.

"It doesn't look like we will meet that number is the short version of that," Preston said. She said the university reaches that number hy the admission target that the admissions department sets and by assuming how many students will return.

Preston said that admissions issues will have little effect on the student hill, hut there might be a small decrease in student resources.

Arisna Roche, representative-at-large, asked if the admission target had gone up or if the university is trying to keep it down for the low class sizes that university promises.

Preston said the target admissions goal for the class of 2016 was 1,400 but was 1,600 for the class of 2017. She went on to say that the classes of 2018 and 2019 will be is 1,500.

"I think on campus we all like this size and regardless of the campus size we are very committed to having small class sizes with good student relstionships with faculty and staff," Preston said.

Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, asked how Wilson Hall will deal with some of its classes going to the new science center and will new sections of courses be made or will classes just be copied to fill in the empty rooms.

Preston said the new science center will be primarily much nicer lah spaces.

"Frankly, if you spent any time on the fourth floor of Wilson you know everybody is just smashed in there and people have no space," she said. Preston also said the Nursing Department does not have any real space in Wilson at the moment, hut there will be hrand new nursing simulation labs in the new building with a department full of office spaces for nursing.

She said that Wilson will keep most of the same classes. The goal, she said, of the new building is really to just allow hetter space for things the university is doing now.

Andrew Carr asked if Health Services are ready to handle a major campus wide virus like Ebola. Preston said a lot of the Commonwealth's institutions are taking precautions on Ebola. Ebola is not the most problematic health risk right now for the school, she said. Preston said, "I would worry about the flu hefore I would worry about Ebola."

After Preston was finished with her Q&A, Michael Basmajian, MASSPIRG coordinator, gave a quick speech to the SGA regarding voter registration. He said that the deadline to register to vote is Oct. 15. MASSPIRG's goal at Westfield State is to get 500 students and 416 is what they have so far, he said. He said any student can volunteer in the mega blitz on the last two days hefore the fifteen to rally the last 100 students to vote.

Arians Roche asked Basmajian if he had any plans to get students motivated to he informed on what they would be voting on. He replied saying the volunteers are mostly knowledgeahle in handling any questions a new voter might have about what is on the ballot.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student Life, said MASSPIRG should make it very clear that when students register to vote here in Westfield, they have to do their jury duty in this area regardless of where they live because of where they registered to vote. "We do not want to have 400 students hack east not knowing they have to come over here to do their jury duty," Clark said.

Basmajian said he recommends students to register here because it is easier than requesting a ballot from home. We also make sure students understand the option to register from their home address as well.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, motioned to approve Barhara Hand, Drew Dalesandro, and Cbaitali Brabmbhatt as SGA advisors for the 2014/ 2015 academic year, which passed unanimously.

The madam president also motioned to appoint Chelsea Nelson as Apartment Complex president for the 2014/2015 academic year, which passed unanimously. She lastly announced that Homecoming will be on Oct. 25.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Hundreds filled the University of Massachusetts' Student Union Ballroom past capacity on Thursday to hear a lecture by French economist Thomas Piketty. He spoke on austerity, world tax structures and his No. 1 best-selling book, "Capital in the 21st Century."

daily orange
Syracuse University

The Syracuse University chapter of NAACP has been fighting for marginalized students through rallies recently. Monday, the organization unveiled photos of students holding a sign with the hashtag #itooamSU and a personal note. Around 30 photos will be displayed in the Panasci Lounge in the Student Center until Oct. 13.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard men and women's cross country teams traveled to Lehigh University to participate in the Paul Short Invitational. The race gave many Crimson runners who are outside the top seven the chance to run and compete against teams from around the nation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustees cruise through packed agenda at their first meeting of the academic year

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The board of trustees held their first meeting of the academic year Wednesday in the Horace Mann Center's Presidential Board Room.

The meeting lasted about two houra and had an action-packed agenda.

Because the guests from O'Connor & Drew, P.C., the university's accounting firm, had to leave early, their report was taksn out of order and presented first.

David Diiulis, the same accountant who one year earlier presented the accounting firm's damning report on former president Evan Dobelle's spending, reported that the university is back on track with its finances.

Even though the construction of the new science center is a burden on the capital assets part of the budget, the university's finances are currently in good shape.

He called the two reports that they conducted "clean reports."

New trustee Bob Martin asked about the financial solvency of the university if there were to be a dip in the economy.

Diiulis responded that there are a lot of cash reserves and that the university should be okay.

Trustee Kevin Queenin added that solvency will be discussed in the future. He is the chair of the trustee's Finance Committee.

Once the accountants left, Queenin made a motion to accept the report from O'Connor & Drew. It was approved unanimously.

During the president's report, interim president Elizabeth Preston introduced Larry Johnson, who will be the university's director of non-discrimination and compliance. He will be rsponsible for the university's enforcement and compliance with Title IX and other statutes that deal with discrimination.

She then introduced Cheryl Stanley, dean of education, who spoke about a book that was written and published regarding the histories of the nine state universities in Massachusetts.

Each trustee was issued a copy, which contained articles written about Westfield State University by professora Mara Dodge and Beth Rothermsl.

Marsba Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, then introduced four outstanding students who had been identified as excelling in academic efforts over the summer.

The first student was Kane Hardaker, a senior geography and regional planning major who spent time abroad in the Peruvian Amazon studying indigenous land use.

"I really appreciated the trip because it helpsd me grasp what I wanted to do in the future," he said.

The second student was Angelo Burgos, a senior criminal justice major. Burgos is also a member of the EMS Club and the deputy chief in the student security force.

He interned with the Massachusetts State Police and the Governor's Office. He worked with the State Police with programs that they were doing and coordinated with the Governor's Office, where he was also an intern.

Tbs third and fourth students were John and Patrick Bartel.

The Brothers Bartel are hoth senior history majors from Groton, Mass.

They hoth spent tbeir summers in the Washington Center program in the nation's capital.

John interned with the U.S. Treasury and Patrick interned witb the Land Trust Alliance.

John gave an impassioned speech about all of the opportunities that Westfield State University has provided for him.

"Whenever I was asked where I was from I would tell them Massachusetts and then I was very proud to tell them Westfield State University," he said.

Patrick said, "Being from Westfield opened so many doors for me."

Marotta then introducsd Felicia Barber, assistant professor of music, who talked about her research on African-American spirituals over the summer.

She said that her research from the summer expanded on her dissertation, which dealt with the African diaspora, Louisiana Creole, the Gulla language, and the African-American dialect of American English.

She said that she was happy to complete the research with scholarship grants through the university at the Avery Research Centsr in Charleston, S.C. and other research centers around the American South.

She then asked the trustees and audience to close their eyes and listen to her perform an A Capella version of a spiritual in our dialect and then ths same spiritual in the dialect that she was researching.

Richard Lenfest, athletic director, introduced two students who had performed extraordinary feats in Track and Field in the spring.

Naloti Palma, a junior ethnic and gender studies major, threw discus in the New England Championships and placed first. She qualified for the national championships in shot put and discus.

Travon Godette, a junior English major, became New England champ in javelin. He threw 213 ft. in javelin in nationals to become another of the university's All-Americans.

Lenfest said that it was the first year that the university had two All-Americans in the same year.

The hoard of trustees tben heard the Student and Academic Affairs Committee report.

Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, asked the hoard to consider a $100 surcharge for first-year non-transfer students who do not complete the AlcoholEdu or Havens courses by Oct. 30.

"The surcbarge is a little stick to remind them to take this extremely serious and understand the ramifications of their actions," Pickron said.

Once the motion was made, the trustees wanted to make sure that the students were not facing tbe surcharge punitively, hut Susan Lamontagne, dean of students, helped the clarify the confusion by informing the trustees that it is very clearly not punitive.

The courses cost the university $21,000 so the $100 is an effort to recover some of the money from students who do not complete the course, she said.It passed unanimously.

For the Emeritus Committee report, three professors were granted emerti/a status.

William Bennett, professor of geography and regional planning; Kathleen Macintosh, professor of world languages; and Marilyn Templeton, professor of education, were granted the honor of professor emerti/a.

Kimberly Tobin, interim vice president of administration and finance, was then asked to help provide the Finance Committee report.

Shs announced that ths number of university credit cards issued went from 47 to zero, which was met with praise from the trustees. A&F now uses procurement cards of which there are 27.

She also announced a project that will be done in accordance with the Division of Capital Asset Management, which aims to increase the university's energy savings.

Tbere is an initial up front cost of $1.9 million, but it will be repaid over 20 years with tbe savings that are projected to be made.

Tobin reminded the trustees of their previous approval of $1.5 million to be taken from reserves to help pay for the Science Center.

They already moved $1 million, so a motion was made hy Queenin to allow the interim president to transfer the remaining $500,000 from reserves to the monies being used to pay for the Science Center. It was approved unanimously.

She announced that IT is in the process of implementing systems to ensure that the network is more secure.

Queenin applauded the efforts hy saying, "It is a great step made by the university to move security forward."

The trustees unanimously approved the security policy.

Lastly, she announced changes to the travel policy.

The six major changes were as follows: 1) to require supervisory signatures on reimbursement requests, 2) to clarify when travel is permitted before business activity, 3) wording that directs the reader to the business meals policy instead of repeating it in the travel policy, 4) mileage calculation was made more consistent and excluded mileage of normal commute, 5) established Pan Am as travel vendor, and 6) to amend travel forms for consistency with generally accepted accounting practices.

From trustee Terrell Hill's Governance and Nomination Committee, a proposal was put forth requesting the establishment of an Advancement Committee.

Chaired hy new trustee Bob Johnson, the committee will provide oversight for the Advancement arm of the university. It was unanimously approved by the trustees.

The trustees then established that members can participate in meetings with remote participation. They cannot, however, miss more than two board meetings in a calendar year or more than two committee meetings. A physical quorum is still needed.

The second to last item on the agenda was the presidential evaluation.

The trustees voted to complete the evaluation by Oct. 30 so it could he sent to Richard Freeland, commissioner of higber education, which will then be ratified hy the trustees in December.

The last item on their agenda was the presidential search. For more information on the presidential search. refer to tbe article on the front page.

Ths next meeting of the hoard of trustees will be Dec. 15 in the President's Board Room on the second floor of tbe Horace Mann Center.

Ebola appears in the United States

Sarah Hladik
Voice Columnist

On Sept. 30, 2014, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that the first case of Ebola had appeared in the United States, startling Americans across the country and creating panic even for those not at risk.

This patient, who had traveled from West Africa to Dallas, Texas, began having symptoms such as nausea, red eyes, raised rash, chest pain, and diarrhea five days after arriving in the United States.

Although this is only the first case to be confirmed, the CDC recognizes this as a dangerous problem that needs to be treated immediately and analyzed thoroughly.

As more cases are beginning to be reported and a cure is yet to be identified, the status of how prepared the United States is to take on this battle, not only overseas but also on our own land, is being questioned.

In order to try and stop the progress of this epidemic abroad, the U.S. is sending over 3,000 troops to West Africa with supplies and medical treatment in the hopes of helping the thousands of individuals already diagnosed with Ebola.

However, this aid may come with risks as well; U.S. troops themselves will be at risk of catching the disease during their travels.

When Americans began panicking and asking questions about the recent case in the U.S., health officials attempted to downplay the situation stating, "The system that's in place with our healthcare infrastructure would make it extraordinarily unlikely that we would have an outbreak.

The situation in West Africa has been very difficult largely due to the lack of an adequate health infrastructure to deal with the outbreak."

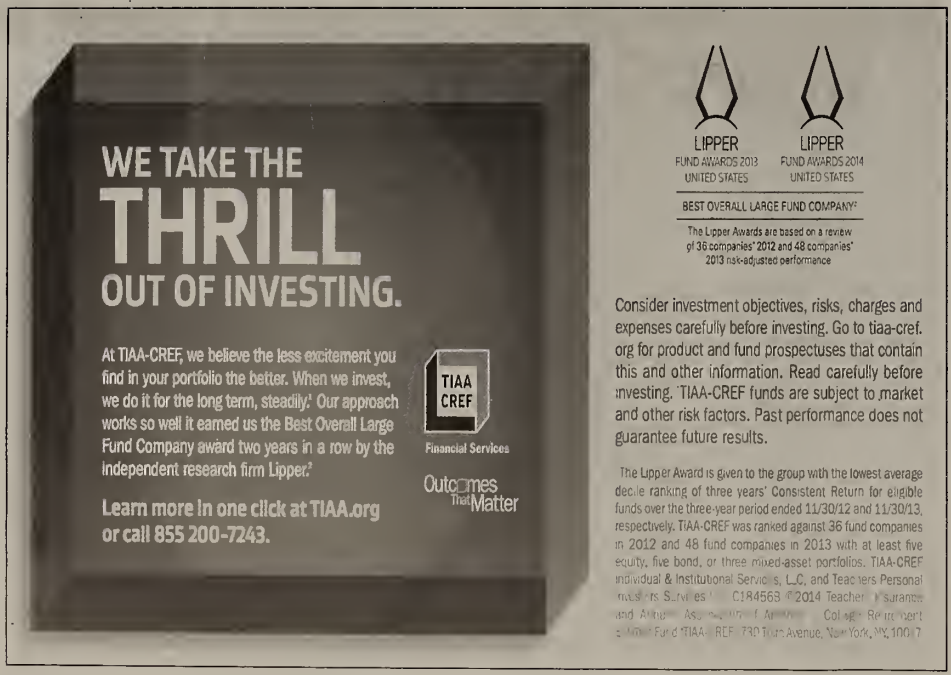
Although officials are monitoring the first case and using many precautions, many are still fearful because of the mistakes already made before the case was confirmed. The patient, Thomas Duncan, was released from the hospital the first time he arrived there, and he was not diagnosed with Ebola or any other serious illness.

This mistake may have caused others to be infected as well as Duncan's case to further progress and infect others. The patient even admitted that he does not believe the hospital handled the situation properly and he would "not be surprised if more cases appeared in the United States".

With speculation circling over these recent cases, the U.S., which has experience with handling severe diseases such as Viral Hemorrhagic Fever, has a plan of action and is taking various precautions to ensure the safety of Americans. Health and medical services are preventing the further spread of Ebola through case finding, isolation of those infected, contacting those exposed, and isolation of anyone else experiencing any of the many symptoms.

With troops thoroughly learning about Ebola and how to handle the outbreak, individuals overseas will receive the help that they need and will hopefully see an end to this epidemic soon.

Although the United States is facing the possibility of a fatal disease outbreak, the numerous deterrents being administered and the studies being conducted ensure that the country is prepared to fight back and prevent Ebola from spreading.



Supplemental Instruction program begins on campus

Students in General Chemistry, Accounting I, and Computer Science Principles, amongst others, now have student tutors who are there to help them.

Supplemental Instruction is a program led by Cassondra Gendron, adjunct professor of mathematics and support instruction coordinator, and Hillary Sackett, professor of economics and business management.

The program is made up of student-led study sessions for difficult classes. The courses are determined by looking at those that have a high withdrawal or failure rate.

According to Gendron, "The SI model focuses on helping students to reinforce the curriculum that has been taught by their professors, and helps students develop different methods of studying."

The sessions are led by model students that attend the classes with which they are assisting.

The sessions are free and open to all students.

Currently, there are five students who are trained to run sessions for CHEM 109, BIOL 128, ACCT 104, ACCT 105, and CAIS 102.

For more information on Supplemental Instruction, please find them on Facebook at facebook.com/siatwestfield.

If you have an interest in helping the club, contact Cassondra Gendron or Hillary Sackett.

Supplemental Instruction sessions to be held

Mondays
CHEM 109 - Wilson 405 - 6 to 7 p.m.
ACCT 105 - Wilson 404 - 5 to 6 p.m.
CAIS 102 - Wilson 101 - 5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesdays
CHEM 109 - Wilson 407 - 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.
ACCT 104 - Bates 225 - 4 to 5 p.m.

Wednesdays
ACCT 105 - Wilson 404 - 5 to 6 p.m.
BIOL 128 - Wilson 300 - 3 to 4 p.m.
CAIS 102 - Wilson 101 - 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursdays
BIOL 128 - Wilson 407 - 2 to 3 p.m.
ACCT 104 - Wilson 403 - 5 to 6 p.m.

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from the voice vault

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On-Campus Housing Reviewed

By Don Blair
and Diane Casey

As of the end of last month, $21,064 has been paid out of the $80 thousand dorm damage fund, which has been generated by the $30 00 damage deposit required of dorm residents. Bursar George Cushman said last week that the figure was "on par" with amounts spent in previous years. He also added that "if nothing serious happens, the total might be less than last year's expenses." Over $29,000 was paid out in repairs for the academic year of 1978-79.

Cushman said that his office is presently in the process of sending payment notices to a number of students who have been found to be responsible for damages which exceed their $50.00 damage deposit. He said that the outstanding balances for the students involved vary between $55.00 and $500.00.

Beer bottle replaces fire extinguisher in Davis Hall. (Photo by Don Blair)

The additional damage bills referred to by Cushman are a result of heavy dorm damage which has been sustained this year in the fourth floor of Davis Hall, third floor of Lammers Hall, and most recently, property damage which occurred in one apartment in the apartment complex. A prorated list of damage amounts sustained by each dorm was not made available.

In an effort to evaluate on-campus housing damage, the Owl conducted a tour of the dorm facilities last week following reports from several students who claimed that dorm damage was above normal for the semester. Inspection of the dorms revealed extremely good conditions in Dickinson and Scanlon Halls, with the exception of one broken window in each dorm, both located in hallways.

In the apartment complex, numerous holes have been punched in walls in hallways and handrail bannisters have been removed.

Lammers Hall has sustained extensive damage in one section on the third floor, where vandals tore a hole in a lounge wall several feet in diameter. According to dorm director Robert Dolan, damage to the residence hall has diminished as compared with last year. "Students are finally looking at this (dorm) as a place to actually live, rather then just a place to sleep," said Dolan. The director went on to say that he feels that the atmosphere which has been generated by the students of the dorm this year is "one of belonging to a big, heppy femily." Other minor damage in the dorm appeared in the form of occasional kick holes in walls, vendalized wall outlets, and a broken glass on a door on the third floor.

Davis Hall has suffered the most severe amount of damage, particularly on the fourth floor where structural and property damage has been estimated at over $500. At the time of the Owl damage tour 18 fire extinguishers were missing from their designated areas in hallways. Upon closer investigation it was found that all the extinguishers were located on the ground floor where a local fire compaoy had just finished recharging them. According to a janitor there, Davis Hall averages 6-10 fire extinguishers which need recharging each week. Ha said that water fights with the equipment are a common occurreace th the dorm. Additionally, exposed wires th wall sockets, exposed lamp fixtures, vandalized phone jacks, broken whdows, missing handrails, and torn out ceiling tiles are evident on every floor.

The area surrounding Davis Hall further substantiates the extensive damage aa broken furniture, bathroom mirrors, ceilog tile, and broken glass litter the ground directly in back of the building.

Conditions at Davis Hall have raised concern among several students who have approached members of Student Senate with complaints and question the effectiveness of the director of that dorm, Mrs. Rita Moran. The students have charged that a female director of an all-male dorm is ineffective and have suggested that a male director would be more beneficial.

During an interview with the Owl last Thursday, Director of Housing, Dean Carolyn Cridler-Smith said that she feels Moran is disliked by only a few of the dorm residents "Not everyone likes Mrs. Moran," said Cridler-Smith, "but there are some students over there who love her like a mother."

Cridler-Smith said that Davis Hall is the most heavily populated male freshman dorm on campus which might be the cause of many problems. "Sometimes I think they feel as though they have to conform to a 'macho' image over there," she said. Cridler-Smith said that peer pressure to conform is also evident in an unwritten policy among the residents not to "squeal" on each other. She also cited lack of upper classmen to set higher standards as another reason for the extensive damage in the dorm.

Cridler-Smith said that she supports an increase in penalties, and favors "less warnings" as measures to control student vandalism. She stressed though that "the answer is in the hands of each individual student."

In an interview with the Owl last Friday, Assistant Dean of Students and advisor to the Campus Judicial Board Peter Mazza said he feels that "warnings are still th order since many damages or offenses are very minor." Mazza said that "most students who are caught are not repeated offenders." Mazza said he favors utilizing the student judicial system as an educational tool whara students learn responsibility.

In most cases which thevlve damage to the college or personal property of others, offenders are seldom fined. Mazza said "in these cases restitution is required." According to Mazza, few student offenders default oo payment of restitution.

Damage at Lammars Hall. (Photo by Don Blair)

Students have voiced concern though, that offenders are being treated too lightly. In the most recent case involving an theident in the apartments where college property was thrown from an apartment window and debris scattered about the inside, student offenders were suspended from living in the apartments. On Friday, following a meeting with Dean Mazza, Dean Cridler-Smith and the Student Judicial Board and Student Attorney Generel Win Story, the student offenders were told that eviction would not be sought and that the suspension would be lifted.

Cridler-Smith said last week that by utilizing personal record indicating lack of rospect for property, safety, and security as the primary criterie for denying returning studenls on-campus housing, it should be possible to "weed out the undesirables."

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Alcohol awareness on the Westfield State College campus

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Voice Reporter

This is the time of year that definitely has students and faculty excited about the start of a new semester, and for some this is a brand new experience.

One can almost feel an electric charge in the air as the campus is busy with students getting acquainted with old friends and making new ones.

It can also be a stressful time as students are trying to find their classrooms, getting used to dormitory life, and trying to establish a comfortable routine.

It is this kind of stress that unfortunately leads some students to partake in one level or another of alcohol consumption.

Many students consider it a rite of passage or an entitlement, with the idea being that drinking is to be an expected behavior on campus.

Not only is this wrong in the sense that it is illegal to consume alcohol under 21 years of age, but many students are not aware of the dangers to their health that could be a result of these actions.

According to www.collegedrinkingprevention.com, over 1,400 college students across the country die each year as a result of acute alcohol poisoning.

This alarming statistic is further troubling in that many of these deaths could have been prevented with better alcohol awareness programs.

There are reports of many colleges and universities downplaying these tragic events in an effort to avoid negative publicity. These facts were confirmed by Patricia Berube, Director of Health Services at Westfield State.

Although her department is aware of the problem of alcohol abuse on campus, due to budget constraints, the resident assistants have assumed a bulk of the responsibility of enforcing the schools code of conduct

Ms. Berube stated that for a first alcohol offense, there is a one hundred dollar fine, along with several hours of campus/community service. A second offense will result in dormitory eviction, with a possible academic suspension.

After being aware of what the consequences can be, anyone with a little common sense should realize that it is just not worth it to take a chance of ruining their school career, and possibly losing their life, as well.

Ms. Berube expressed it nicely when she said," Many lives have been lost, and many more damaged by the ravages of alcohol abuse, and unfortunately the problem will always be around to some extent, but if we keep up with educating our students on this matter and give support where it is needed, things will work out for the best." One couldn't agree with her more!

In the chance that a person does find themselves struggling with a problem or if they suspect they may have a problem, help is also available just by calling the local AA hotline at 532-2111. This service is available twenty-four hours a day.

They are there to listen to you, and to try and direct you to the nearest meeting or health service. Many lives have been saved due to their timely advice and assistance.

Having the opportunity to attend college is a unique privilege not available to everybody, and it would be a tragic loss to a student, as well as the entire campus community if this privilege were lost due to alcohol abuse.

The information is available. Please take advantage of it and be able to enjoy your life along with the valuable experience of attaining a college degree.

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LADIES' LIFESTYLE

How to: DIY paint sample calendar

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Layout and Design Editor

I am always looking for new ways to stay organized, and while on Pinterest I found a really cool way to keep track of different events. I love arts and crafts, especially if they are easy, and I thought a paint sample calendar was something perfect to hang in my dorm room. It is inexpensive (costing around $6) and easy to make.

The project took me a couple of hours and I was very pleased with the results. Make sure that when you are picking out a frame, the front is made of plastic, not glass. If it is glass, the finished product may be too heavy to hang on the wall with command strips.

You can find paint strip samples in any hardware store or at Walmart. When picking out colors, keep in mind that there needs to be at least six squares on the strip. Five are for the weeks of the month and one is to write the day of the week.

Materials

- A Frame (something thin and lightweight, but also has a plastic front and is at least 15x11)
- Rubber Cement (I recommend rubber cement because it will not cause rippling in the paint strip samples)
- 7 Paint Strip Samples
- Dry Erase Markers
- Scrapbook Paper

Instructions

1. Cut the scrapbook paper to fit inside the picture frame (depending on how big your frame is, you may need more than two sheets of paper). Glue it to either the cardboard that comes with the frame or another piece of paper.

2. Cut the bottom or top square off of each paint sample (this will be used for writing the day of the week).

3. Glue the paint samples to the scrapbook paper. Make sure there are seven strips each with five attached squares and the one extra square that was cut off. If the paper you chose has a glitter texture, you may want to add tape to the back of the samples for extra support.

4. Once the strips have been evenly spaced apart and glued, let them dry before placing the plastic front on the frame. You may want to place some books of something heavy on top to make sure no air is trapped under the strips.

5. Optional – To add a space for the month, feel free to cut scrapbook paper and glue it on the top space of the scrapbook paper.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Syria: a new diplomatic blunder

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As of press time, Syria has been accused of a new diplomatic blunder. That blunder being four undisclosed locations that are accused of being chemical weapons facilities. Of the four facilities identified to the UN Security Council, three are research and development facilities while the last is accused of being a PRODUCTION facility.

Now why does this matter? Well, I would like to remind everyone about the terms and conditions of the UN resolution that was designed as a deterrent to direct US involvement against the Assad Regime.

The United States, or mainly the Obama Administration, accused the regime of launching chemical attacks against its own citizens. President Obama called it a "line in the sand" that if crossed would call for direct US "intervention".

After the lack of public support both at home and abroad, Obama was forced into using the United Nations as the police force. However, after it became known that a sarin (nerve agent) attack occurred, that was it and the UN stepped in fully.

In August 2013, the UN announced that it would be sending in an investigative team of experts to find whatever truth there was about the Syrian weapons program. They spent about a month investigating the claims and facilities used by the Syrian government.

Then, in September 2013 Secretary General Ki-moon released the investigators report that acknowledge a presence of a chemical weapons program in the country. In the end, the UN Security Resolution called for al-Assad to discontinue the chemical weapons program.

Assad declared his administration would fall under full compliance to the resolution and started the process of dismantling the program. A US ship even took hold of 600 tons of chemical weapons from the Syrian Government and dismantled them.

Despite this major step, inspectors have stated they cannot fully deny the existence of undisclosed chemical weapons in the war-torn country. Last August there were reports of chlorine gas attacks from helicopters (of which CNN reports are only available to the Assad regime).

Ambassadors from around the world denounced the Syrian government for the potential weapons and facilities, while Secretary Kerry found it deeply "troubling" that the facilities could exist and that "potential" chemical attacks could continue to occur on the Syrian people.

I find it difficult to look at this event, simply because it shows that the inevitable flaws of society plague world regulatory forces.

Now if this happened when the world still cared about Syria's civil war, Assad's government would not only be facing rebels but also an international coalition (probably US lead as usual) attacking everything in sight. This is not the case. The world is too busy with Russian diplomacy and the Ebola hysteria.

Despite the lack of public knowledge of the occurrence, I believe that the punishment is clear. The Assad regime is in clear violation of both the UN and US policy towards chemical weapon use. We have already declared Syria open ground for our anti-terrorist drone strikes that we will launch against all ISIS-Al Qaeda-Taliban, etc., groups. Why not just direct them to chemical terrorists?

Terrorist cells are thriving in the war torn societies surrounding Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan (and arguably Ukraine on a small scale). In order to completely flush out these individuals, the strategy needs to destroy the protective environment that these over-glorified street urchins have thrived in.

Normally I wouldn't side so easily with a choice that will cause a large amount of deaths, but if this orderless area in the Middle East cannot fix itself, we must help. The question shouldn't be how many lives will be lost? Instead it should be "How can we mitigate the loss?"

Whether or not President Obama wants to roll over his policy of drone strikes onto a "sovereign nations" armed forces, since the Assad's military is by international law the Syrian armed forces, will be a very sticky and important decision that will come in the next few weeks.

President Obama, the line you set just under a year ago has been crossed, redrawn, and crossed again. Its time to protect the innocent lives at risk and end these terror groups' reign.

The blame is solely on the Assad and other oppressive regimes that have fostered and created the conditions which have allowed both terrorists and corruption not only to survive, but also prosper. These regimes must be brought down and true democracy must be installed.

The people of the Middle East haven't seen peace in my lifetime, that has no one source, but one thing that can be a source is an international intervention, considering the fact that we are still operating on borders that were drawn at the end of World War I.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Massachusetts Governor: Coakley or Baker?

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

Attorney General Martha Coakley (D) decided not to run for a third term in 2014, but rather for Governor this fall. Coakley first made history in 2006 when she became the first woman to hold a state office at attorney general in the country.

Coakley's responsibilities as Attorney General included overseeing the Executive, Business and Labor Protection, Criminal, Government, and Public Protection, which make up the five bureaus of her department.

Ballotpedia cited that on "March 11, 2013, Coakley sent a letter to Congress in support of the Protecting Financial Aid for Students and Taxpayers Act, a bill which would ban for-profit colleges from using federal funds for marketing and recruiting techniques."

Coakley also advocates regulation of cigars, pipe tobacco, and e-cigarettes, all of which are not currently regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

On social issues throughout the commonwealth, Coakley strongly supports gay marriage, animal rights, and abortion rights for women to be unrestricted.

Coakley tweeted on Monday "Today's #SCOTUS decision is another victory for #MarriageEquality! But fight continues until all can marry who they love. -mc #loveislove"

To my surpriss, Coakley is against the use of legalized medical marijuana, and believes that if the punishment for a crime is stricter, the crime rate will fall.

I belisve that there are many petty crimes people are punished for that lead to the privatization of prisons. This leads to a human rights issue which are often abused throughout the prison system (which is rooted in institutional racism and classism).

However, there are also a number of crimes that are serious offenses, such as rape, that one can go to jail for 20 years if found guilty in Mass which I believe should be protected.

Though Coakley is opposed to going to war with Iran, she supports expanding the military. This is something I am strongly opposed to.

I believe we are in far too many countries and we have too many important domestic affairs to focus on in our countrysuch as education, hunger and homelessness, and equal human rights.

I also belisve that expanding the military also trains our own police and task forces to abuse our basic civil rights because they are becoming trained as though they are in the military.

Destroying the culture and landscape of another country is not something I believe we are entitled to and I think this is the type of globalization we have developed instead of working relations with other countries.

The UN reported that only 2-3% of their budget goes to protecting basic women's rights, where as they spend about half of their budget supporting the military aid.

Other issues that Coakley stands for economically include legally hiring women and minorities, expanding ObamaCare, higher taxes for the wealthy, prioritizing green energy.

She opposes the absolute right of gun ownership (pro regulation), vouching for school choice, and privatizing Social Security.

Charles D. Baker, who is running against Coakley in the race, has not announced a position on many issues even though the election is in just four weeks.

Baker has not decided his position on expanding the military, war in Iran, legalizing marijuana, hiring women and minorities, free trade, and privatizing Social Security. It is strange that he has not given an opinion because these are such pivotal issue.

Baker opposes regulating gun ownership, taxing the wealthy, helping illegal immigrants finding citizenship, and Obamacare.

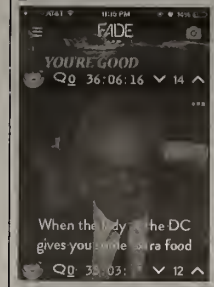
However he supports animal rights, abortion rights, same sex marriage, and green energy, all of which I believe are positive initiatives.

The midterm elections will be held November 4.

If you are registered to vote at a campus address, you can hit the polls at Juniper Park located behind Ely.

editorial

FADE gives WSU students a unique outlet to communicate with peers around campus



Fade is a new social networking app that connects all the students at a single university to one newsfeed. The app gives students the ability to upload pictures with a subtle caption to accompany it.

The description on the App Store reads, "FADE is a free, fun way to share moments with college students around you – temporarily! FADE lets you share privately with your friends and people near you, and best of all none of your posts lasts forever."

Comparatively, it can be described as a combination of Instagram and Snapchat. Students can upload a picture and it will disappear after 24 hours. If the picture receives and up vote, another hour is added to the time it will remain and a down vote will remove an hour.

Social networking has become more of a bore than anything else as high school friends separate. Posts about other schools are fun, but don't pertain to you as they once did. However, this app connects the entire campus together, without having to know your peers intimately.

Jokes about the dining commons or individual halls can be the most popular posts and the content is constantly being updated as old pictures are being deleted.

It may take a while for ideas like this to catch on but when it inevitably does, it will be a positive for not only the students, but also the university as a whole. The singular feed that all Westfield State students have access can bring the almost 6,000 students a unique experience that can only be understood by those attending the university.

Looking at the feeds on a Saturday or Sunday morning can be one the more entertaining things to do during the day. It will also create a sort of competition between students to see who can post the funniest pictures and obtain the most up votes.

As strict as the university anti-drug and alcohol policies are, the FADE app can really be a backdoor for students to enjoy themselves and share with friends without the concern of reprimand. As the app grows and the students become more and more clever, this app will take on a life of its own.

University administration should take note as to what is being published on FADE, not to police it, but to be able to converse with the students about what is or what is not safe to publish on social media, even if it is anonymous.

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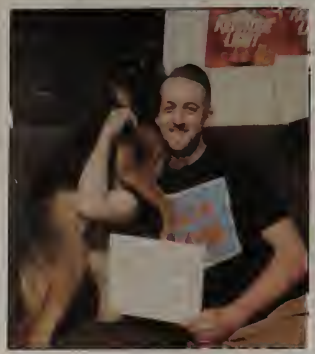
The Board

This week we proposed a question to six seniors here at WSU. The question of the week is: "What is your best advice for dealing with a breakup?" Here is what the seniors had to say.

THE BOARD: WHAT IS YOUR BEST ADVICE FOR DEALING WITH A BREAKUP?

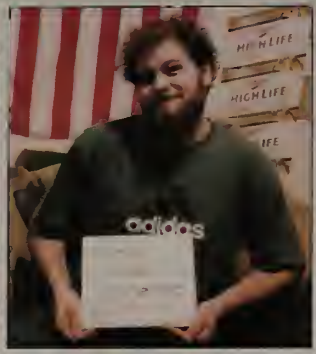


William Macdonald, a.k.a. Willmac, is a senior from Cape Cod, MA, studying criminal justice with minors in sociology and mathematics.

The fictional video-game character that resembles him most is Mario. Alike the hero and his ability to win over Princess Peach, he always wins a Westfield princess after his wild nights out on the weekends. His celebrity crush is Rachael Ray because she makes a mean sandwich and looks great while doing so.

On the weekdays you can find him at the gym, studying hard in the library, playing his piano, and listening to classical music.

On the weekend you probably will not find Macdonald at all, for he will be running around the town of Westfield like a maniac.#38mafia



Andrew Carroll, a.k.a. Garroll, is a senior history major from Walpole, MA, who is back at WSU for what is hopefully his last victory lap as a senior. You may see this Seth Rogan look alike scavenging through his roommates' food pantries or laying on his couch... basically you can expect to see him anywhere other than where he is supposed to be, like on campus for his classes. After five years here at WSU, Carroll still could not direct you to the library if his life depended on it. His celebrity crush is obviously Justin Bieber because he looks a lot like Ellen DeGeneres. According to Carroll, Princess Peach is the video game character that resembles him most (refer back due to Will's description). He enjoys reading E.L. James' 50 Shades Trilogy and recommends it to all single men.#38mafia

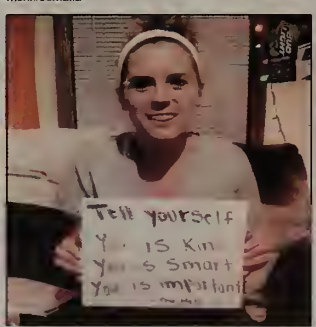
Kyle Murray, a senior from Ashland, MA, studies business marketing. His celebrity crush is our own Patriot, Tom Brady, for all 500 reasons why he is just about everyone's man crush here in Mess. The fictional video-game character that resembles him most is Donkey Kong because he always shows off his beastly and hairy body but is indeed a softhearted ape on the inside. He is a heavily active sports player at WSU who is a pro at intramural dodge ball and softball. His everyday motto, whether dealing with schoolwork, hangovers, girls, or his roommates, is to dodge, dip, dive, duck, and dodge. This stud still believes in Santa Claus and you can find him every Christmas Eve in his favorite red one-piece pajamas, making cookies and providing the milk while confessing all of his sins until morning.#38mafia

Katie Ames, a.k.a. Kames, is a senior from North Andover, MA, majoring in Liberal Studies with the goal of becoming an occupational therapist.

She has been on the WSU competitive dance team for four years and is an avid twerker no matter what the situation.

When asked what fictional video-game character resembled her most, she decided Charizard is the perfect fit because they both embrace their flames proudly (her luscious red hair and his ability to spit out fire incase you did not catch onto that one).

Her celebrity crush is the one and only Channing Tatum because he is the star of Magic Mike and Step Up. Also, just google the man and stare at the screen for at least 20 minutes out of respect for Tatum. She loves her veggies, especially those tomatoes.

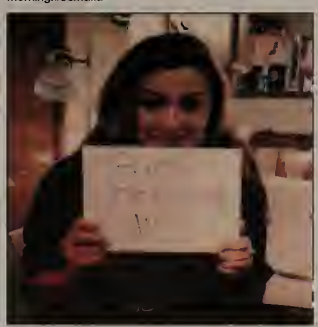


Molly McGovern, a.k.a. Mollsac, is a senior at WSU from Wrentham, MA, majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in Mathematics.

Her celebrity crush is the stunning Jennifer Aniston because Rachel Green (Aniston's character on the television show Friends) has been her greatest gal pal since the show aired in 1994.

The video-game character that resembles her most is Yoshi for the simplest of reasons that anyone with a heart loves that little guy.

One interesting fact about McGovern is that she is the sportiest girl to come to America after being born in Japan. Unfortunately for all of us, she grew out her very impressive Hello Kitty collection. Her best advice for the class of 2018 is to quit wearing any form of crop tops to the DC and to class.



Stephanie Lenhardt, a.k.a. Stephy, is a senior from Duxbury, MA, majoring in Geography and Regional Planning (GARP) with minors in Applied Geography and Geographic Information Systems, and a concentration in Urban and Community Planning. Her celebrity crush is Jennifer Lawrence and she would gladly give up her first born to have her body (we are just as concerned by this statement as you are). Lenhardt is seeking a male lover 6ft or taller, who must enjoy civil war reenactments, voodoo/witchcraft, and underwater basket weaving. Side note: she loves them young and vulnerable, so freshmen, be on the lookout for this smoke show Lacrosse player. The video-game character that resembles her most is Jigglypuff because this Pokemon is in favor of her body type (jiggly), sings her favorite tune, and last, for no other reason but that it sounds like cream puffs, a favorite of Lenhardt.

MENS FASHION TRENDS

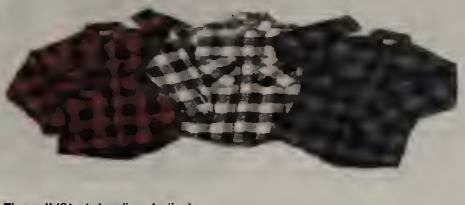
Listen up, boys! We figured we would do you a favor by highlighting the trending fall/winter fashion for men this year. So yes guys, take notes. No more sweatpants or throwing on a sports jersey and calling it a night. We want to inspire you to get with it and start impressing the ladies on campus. We know how much you love it when we dress up, so now we are going tip you off in order to get a little reciprocation. It is only fair! (photos by businessinsider.com)

Black and White Everything

The neutral look is coming back into play and with perfect timing tor the fall season. This gives every guy a chence to create his own spin on the "men in black" image. Not only does it show class, but also gives e sense of mystery end edge. These two colors meke it virtuelly impossible for any man to dress poorly. The veriety of clothing options can range from socks to even a hat if you do not feel like being e big spender on full outfits. Bring your "A" geme and turn heads as you strut through the next party head to toe in the two classiest colors in the geme. It basicelly yells, "I'M A MAN" for you.

Patterned Knits

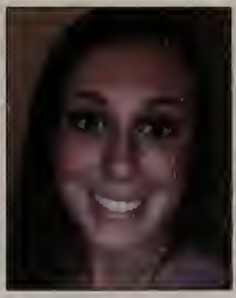
Break out those sweaters, boys. Although I know it sounds teminine beceuse an immediate picture pops up of girls in leggings in boots with over size pattern sweaters on; it is time tor boys to make it a little more mesculine. Patterned sweaters of all different colors and sizes dominated Feshion Week tor men. It brings some class to the scene and let's get real, everyone loves to see men with a little class. It is a sexier take on the "Grandma's boy" look, end this is something I predict the ladies are going to love to look at.



Flannell (Start drooling, ladies)

Ah yes, there is nothing anyone loves more than seeing men in flannels, particularly with a little bit ot scruff, slightly long, unkempt hair, and a nice pair ot form fitting khakis... whoops I think I'm just day dreaming my perfect man. But seriously, boys, tlannels are in and they are probably the simplest form of fashion that can be kept up with, not to mention the cheapest. They can be found virtually in any men's section of a clothing store. So go out and purchase a couple (green is an in color this year, so keep your eyes peeled). Or even just go for whatever flannel you feel is going to make you the chick magnet that you think you are. If you do not went a shirt, think jackets, scarves, even pants!

Samantha Kendall, a.k.a. Skendall, reached her peak in 2012 when she won the superlative "Life of the Party" at Sharon High School. Now a communications major, she focuses her time on meeting new people, overdoing it on social media, downloading new music, and bringing a good time to the table, wherever that may be. She has high hopes for her future and is constantly brainstorming her career options when it comes to the world of communications. This socialite hopes to bring new material to The Voice that will speak to its readers on the topics she enjoys most. Kendall hopes to bring readers together and share her knowledge when it comes to good music, trends, and everything that pertains to college survival and living life to the fullest.



Hannah Pitman recognized her potential when she came to the realization that she had hit her peak as an official "old" person, a.k.a. a washed-up senior here at Westfield State.

With that in mind, she figured, why not use all the knowledge and skill that Westfield State has given her thus far?

As a communications major, she is a big people person interested in everyone's story and style. She is also an avid "foodie" as well as a hunter of new music and trends.

With a passion for writing and a profession in being awkward, you can guarantee she will contribute some interesting things to the social scene of The Voice!

How to not scream desperate

OO NOT ORESS TRASHY, ORESS CLASSY

Ladies, men want to leave some things up to their imagination. So do them a favor and actually try wearing outfits thet cover most ot your skin rather than showing it.

OO NOT FORCE IT

It a guy does not seem interested in you, do not channel your inner psycho and start pursuing him like he is your tuture career. That means no double, triple, or quadruple texting and/or never leaving his side at a party. Let him come to you!

IF HE SEEMS LIKE HE IS HIDING SOMETHING, HE PROBABLY IS

Keep in mind that this is college, the time period in lite when guys think that being a player is the thing to do. So if he is acting strange, teke the hint because chances are you are the one who is going to end up hurt while he makes out with the new freshman girl at the party. Or even worse, has his girlfriend from back home up for the weekend. Do not be that girl!

DUMB IS NOT SEXY

No one likes the dumb girl. It might go cute with your super crop top, side chick, psycho look (see above points), but in the real world that is never going to fly. Everyone enjoys intelligence. So stand out in the group and flaunt your nerd; guys will be impressed by the girl who can hold a conversation about real topics, not just being able to talk about her entire Sephora collection while ecknowledging the president as "Osame".

IT IS OKAY TO BE CASUAL

These are the only four years ot your life where being young and stupid is actuelly somewhat acceptable. Keep in mind you are only twenty-two when you graduate, so use college es a time tor making memories, learning lessons, and embracing yourself. So do not be on the hunt tor the guy you will marry or teel like you can only devote yourselt to one man the entire year. Do the things that you can look back on and laugh ebout.

OVERTHINKING MIGHT HONESTLY KILL YOU

Reading into every text message, awkward moment, and kind gesture that you encounter will most likely ruin you. There are going to be those guys who will use "babe" or "hun" in every text you exchange with no intention of anything close to e relationship. There will elso be the girls who hate your guts tor no reason or the people who kick you out of e party beceuse maybe you are young or too drunk, whatever the reason, do not overthink. You could experience any one of these situations. It is going happen, and overthinking will only make you anxiety-ridden and downright upset.

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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Anaconda - Nicki Minaj
4. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
5. Bang Bang - Jessie J, Ariana
6. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
7. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
8. Break Free - Ariana Grande ft Zedd
9. Dn't Tell 'Em - Jeremih Ft YG
10. Rather Be - Clean Bandit ft Jess Glynne

top 10 albums

1. Cheek to Cheek - Tony Bennet & Lady Gaga
2. The Big Revival - Kenny Chesney
3. Partners - Barbra Streisand
4. This Is All Yours - alt-J
5. PTX: Vol III (EP) - Pentatonix
6. X - Chris Brown
7. Guardians of the Galaxy: Awsome Mix Vol 1
8. Different Shades of Blue - Joe Bonamassa
9. V - Maroon 5
10. JHud - Jennifer Hudson

box office

1. Gone Girl
2. Annabelle
3. The Equalizer
4. The Boxtrolls
5. The Maze Runner
6. Left Behind
7. This is Where I Leave You
8. Dolphin Tale
9. Guardians of the Galaxy
10. No Good Deed

upcoming releases

1. Edge of Tomorrow
2. Million Dollar Arm
3. A Million Ways to Die in the West
4. 4 Minute Mile
5. Advanced Style
6. The Grand Seduction
7. Jack and the Cuckoo-Clock Heart
8. Obvious Child
9. A People Uncounted
10. Radio Free Albemuth

WHIP COMEDY IMPROV

WHIP Comedy Improv impressive in unique first show of fall semester

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

On Oct. 4, the WHIP Comedy Improv performed their first show of the semester. The WHIP is a group of students from Westfield State University. I thoroughly enjoyed this show because of the talent each person possessed on stage. Not only are they acting on stage in front of a big crowd, hut they're doing it unscripted. They kept changing the ways they would perform scenes to spice things up and keep us interested. It was a big group of students doing this and each person got their fair share of stage time.

Improv is not the easiest thing to do, hut this group of kids gave it justice. They would ask the crowd for a topic on what their scenes should be about and then play that through. They even made up a scene when someone suggested "Jell-O" for a scene topic.

Each scene was different in the way they performed it. In the beginning they each took turns doing their own impersonation of something the crowd said like "Batman" or "had doctor". Then they did more creative things like a game of four square where four people formed a square and whoever were the two people in front got assigned a scene and then they rotated. To make things more interesting, they even involved the audience to he puppeteers. The actors would have them control what their body does.

The WHIP group had a lot of kids in it, so you would think that some people would get more time than others. That's not the case here though; everyone got an equal amount of time. They would assign people to different scenes so that everybody got a chance to act.

Overall this was a great show with the different scenes and the great performance from our very own students. In two hours of non-stop laughter, this show was definitely well thought out and planned, except for a script.

STAGE NOTES

MTG working 5 to 9 for 9 to 5

Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

This fall, the Musical Theater Guild is putting on their production of 9 to 5, a staged musical based off of the popular 80's movie "9 to 5", starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, and Allison Tomlin.

The movie and show both center around three women - Violet, Judy, and Doralee - who are struggling to work under their masochistic boss, Mr. Hart. Gradually, they begin turning the tables on Hart, taking control of the office and their own lives in a hilarious turn of events.

MTG's production will be going up October 23rd, 24th, and 25th and is being directed by Beth Teague and Allison O'Neil. Together with music directors Kelsey Grey and Tyler Cook and choreographers Jen Guimond and Rachel Cofsky, the production staff is beginning to piece the show together as the rehearsals draw to a close.

"The rehearsal procees is going very well, I am extremely impressed with everyone's prograss," eaid co-director Teagus. "I am very comfortable with where we are right now. There is no douht in my mind that we will he putting on an amazing show."

The cast meets up to five times a week to rehearse blocking, character development, music, and dance, putting in about 20 hours a week. Additionally, the cast works with the production staff to help attain advertisement for the show as well as building the set.

There is also a slight twist with this year's production. For the first time, MTG has registered for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, a national festival that has respondents from KCACTF come to judge and critique college productions. 9 to 5 will ha the first show MTG has submitted to be critiqued by a respondent, and the cast is working accordingly to make the show as impressive as possible.

Despite this added pressure and the ever-present crunch for time, the cast and production staff of MTG's 9 to 5 is working diligently as always to produce the best show they can possibly hring.

Knowing to Cook: On Failure

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Julia Child once said, "The only real stumbling block is the fear of failure. In cooking you've got to have a what-the-hell attitude." Any good cook knows that their time in the kitchen will be filled with more failure than success; however, like Julia said, the cook should have the proper attitude and be willing to try and try again if they ever wish to succeed.

Another quotation comes to mind: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." That quotation by Edison has been plastered on nearly every wall of every classroom in America. Despite its cliché status, what Edison said is true. Our failures cannot deter us from our goals, especially in the kitchen.

The reason I bring up failure is because I experienced one over the past weekend. I was in the midst of preparing Gennaro Contaldo's Pumpkin Farfalle recipe, which I provided to you last week. I had only prepared it once before.

The result from the first attempt was a decent meal that needed some fixing in certain areas, but overall the meal was a success. That was not the case with this most recent attempt. While the pumpkin, garlic, chili pepper, and rosemary, were stewing in the chicken stock, I realized that more salt was required.

I went to the cabinet and grabbed my container of coarse sea salt and proceeded to add it to the stewing vegetables and herbs. I checked the taste and it still needed more salt. Ever so slowly, I sprinkled the salt over the mixture until a noise from outside caused me to jump. When I turned back to my mixture I realized, in horror, that I had added far too much salt.

Over-salting is a nightmare for any cook. As the old adage goes: you can add but you can't take back. I checked the taste once again and immediately grabbed a glass of water. I had turned what was a complex mixture of sweet and spicy into overpowering brine. Rather foolishly, I rushed about the kitchen and frantically tried to save the meal.

I added pepper, parsley, and sugar, to try to combat the salt. Unfortunately, in the end, the salt prevailed. It had absorbed into the pumpkin meat and there was no way to reverse it.

I took the pot off the stove, placed it on the table, and stared at the meal I had ruined. After about ten minutes of embarrassment and self-loathing, I apologized to the ingredients for wasting them and threw the meal in the trash.

I have not ruined a meal to that extent in a very long time, so my feelings of embarrassment were rather overwhelming. Cooking can be a very exact and unforgiving science; however, cooking is considered an art form because the mistakes that chefs think they have made can open doors that lead to new ideas and recipes.

Even though cooking can be challenging and frustrating, people who love to cook must endure its hardships. Although I have a deep love and appreciation for food, there are times when I am struggling in cooking a meal, get extremely frustrated, and question why I even bothered cooking it in the first place. This frustration usually stems from rushing to make a meal rather than cooking it slowly and methodically.

Everyone has moments of failure and frustration, not only in cooking, but also in life. We get frustrated with sports teams, politicians, teachers, work, friends, and even family. We fail in work, relationships, teaching, and experimentation, but what is great about the human spirit is its ability to get back up and try again.

Even if we fail a million more times, there is still a fire within all of us to keep pursuing our dreams no matter what stands in our way. We have heard it said that failure is not an option; this is not true. In certain situations that ancient adage may prove to be true, but in everyday life it is perfectly acceptable to fail as long as you learn from your failures.

I apologize for going on a slight tangent, but I feel it is important to remind everyone of the acceptability of failure in life. It is inevitable. No one can live life properly without failure, the same way no one can know to cook properly without failing multiple times. Julia Child failed multiple times. In some cases she failed while she was on the air. And what did she do? She put the meal back together and kept going. This is exactly the attitude every home cook should have. If you make a mistake, simply acknowledge that you have done so and move on.

I want to apologize to all of you readers for the lack of food talk and recipes this semester. I could tell you all about how busy and overwhelming my workload is, but I am sure most of you are dealing with a similar situation. Next week I will return with a wonderful food topic and an equally wonderful recipe to go with it.

Thank you all for putting up with my potentially aggravating and preachy musings on life.

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene! I will see you all again next week.

REBMANN - *from page 17*

Perhaps the biggest plummet in the Polls, however, was made by the Oregon Ducks, who shot down 10 spots after their 31-24 loss at the hands of the unranked Arizona Wildcats.

Heisman candidate and surefire 2015 first-rounder Marcus Mariota threw for 276 yards and two touchdowns. The Ducks allowed three points in the first half but fell apart in the third quarter, allowing three touchdowns, two of which were rushing touchdowns by freshman running back Nick Wilson.

The Ducks were unable to contain Arizona's running game, with Wilson running for 92 yards on 13 carries and senior running back Terris Jones-Grigsby getting an impressive 115 yards on 27 carries and a touchdown.

With the win, the Arizona Wildcats made their first appearance in the Polls, notching the #10 spot, while the Ducks fell to the #12 spot.

This marks the second time in two years the unranked Wildcats defeated the Ducks while they were in the top 5 in the Polls.

After last week's victory, the Auburn Tigers took the #2 spot, a mere two points behind the consensus favorite Florida State Seminoles. Rounding out the top five on the Polls are Mississippi State, Ole Miss, and the Baylor Bears.

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what's happening at westfield?

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Follow what happens this **October** by checking out the STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR!
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3:30 - 6 p.m. - Billiard Club (University Hall)
4 - 5 p.m. - Yoga (Wellness Center)

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12 p.m. – Field Hockey vs. Framingham State (Alumni Field)
3 p.m. – Women's Soccer vs. Salem State (Alumni Field)
3:30 - 8 p.m. – WSU Choral Festival (Dever Stage)

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11 a.m. - Catholic Mass with Father Savage (Interfaith Center)

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3:30 - 6 p.m. - Billiard Club (University Hall)

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4 - 5:30 p.m. – Westfield State Rugby (Stanley Park)
6 - 8 p.m. – Medical Anthropology at WSU (Loughman Living Room – Scanlon)

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12:30 - 1:30 p.m. – Catherine Dower Departmental Student Recitals Series (Dever Stage)
2 - 3 p.m. – Test-taking Workshop (Banacos Center)
4 - 5:30 p.m. – Making Balanced Nutrition A Way Of Life (Owl's Nest)
6 - 7 p.m. – Getting Into Law School Seminar (New Hall Room 141)
8 - 9 p.m. – CAB Trivia (Owl's Nest)

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4 - 5:30 p.m. – Westfield State Rugby (Stanley Park)
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. – Leadership Voyage Compass Program – Basics of Money Management (Owl's Nest)
5 - 6 p.m. – Leadership Voyage Compass Program – Write For Success (Club Room)
6:30 - 8 p.m. – Guest Lecture Series: Lauren Burke (Wilson Savignon Auditorium A-B)
8 - 9 p.m. – Relay For Life Club (University Hall)

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3:30 - 6 p.m. – Billiard Club (University Hall)
4 - 5 p.m. – Yoga for Relaxation (Wellness Center)
8 - 11 p.m. – Movie Series/Trivia Night (Owl's Nest)

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WESTFIELD STATE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sypek Tallies Four Goals as Owls Roll

WSU Athletic Department

PHOTO FROM WSU ATHLETICS

Senior Sarah Sypek (Westhampton, Mass.) netted four goals to lead Westfield State to an 8-0 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer victory over Massachusetts Maritime Saturday afternoon at Clean Harbors Stadium.

Sypek's four goals were one short of the school record for goals in a match, which wss set by Kathy Knowlton in 1979 and matched by Mary Merritt in 1981. Westfield State athletic hall-of-famer Sandy Pinto tallied four goals in a match in 1994.

Sypek, last week's MASCAC Player of the Week and the ECAC New England Co-Player of the Week now has seven goals in her last two games, eight in her last three games, and has scored at least one goal in six consecutive games for the Owls.

Senior Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro, Mass.) gave the visiting Owls (7-2-1, 3-0 MASCAC) the only tally they would need 11:13 into the contest on a feed from sophomore Nicole Gay (Hatfield, Mass.), and Sypek then struck for a natural hat trick in a 20 minute span, as her first came just 28 seconds after Chretien's marker and the other two came 1:18 apart in the 32nd and 33 minutes of play.

Senior Amanda Grant (Westfield, Mass.) extended Westfield State's lead to 5-0 just 1:55 after intermission with her 11th goal of the season, and Sypek added her fourth of the match (12th of the season) in the 51st minute on a feed from Chretien. Freshman Hailey Johnson (Windsor Locks, Conn.) closed out the Owl scoring with a pair of markers in the final 14-plus minutes of play for her first two collegiate tallies.

Junior Kelsey Murray (Hanson, Mass.), along with freshmen Kenzie Saltmarsh (Westfield, Mass.) and Michaela St. Cyr (Saugus, Mass.), added assists in the triumph for Westfield State, as sophomore Anne Stack (East Longmeadow, Mass.) picked up her seventh win of the season without having to make a first half save for the Owls, who received a pair of second half stops from freshman Leah Ciampa (Danvers, Mass.). Junior Katie Levesque (Wilmot, N.H.) made 12 saves in the setback for the host Buccaneers (2-5-3, 0-2-1 MASCAC), as Westfield State registered 31 of the 33 shots on the day (20-2 on goal) while taking all three corner kicks for the contest.

Massachusetts Maritime hosts Bay Path in a non-league outing on Wednesday evening at Clean Harbors Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m., while Westfield State travels to Chicopee, Mass. on Wednesday evening to take on Elms in a non-league match that also begins at 7:00 p.m.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Wednesday, October 1st
W VBall at Worcester State L 0-3
Friday, October 3rd
W VBall at Babson L 0-3
W VBall at WNEU L 0-3
Saturday, October 4th
W Soccer at Mass. Maritime W 8-0
W Golf at Williams College Invite (no score)
Football vs Plymouth State W 35-0
Field Hockey at Southern Maine L 1-5
M Soccer vs. Mass Maritime W 2-1 OT
Sunday, October 5th
W Golf at Williams College Invite 16th place
Wednesday, October 8th
W VBall vs Amherst College 0-3

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 10th
W VBall at Springfield College 5:00 p.m.
W VBall vs Vassar College 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 11th
W VBall vs Clarkson University 10:00 a.m.
M/W XC James Earley Invite 11:00 a.m.
M Golf at ECAC D-III Championships 12:00 p.m.
Field Hockey vs Framingham State 12:00 p.m.
Football at Framingham State 12:00 p.m.
M Soccer at Salem State 2:30 p.m.
W VBall vs Smith College 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 12th
W Golf at Wellesley College Invite 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 14th
W VBall at Salem State 7:00 p.m.

Fall Intramural Standings

AS OF TUESDAY OCT. 7

Women's Volleyball:
Bomb Squad 2-4
Ain't no volleyback girls 0-5

Men's Volleyball:
OGBC 4-3
You Lift Bro 8-0
I'd hit that 1-6
Bustin Bruins 3-4
TDMP 3-2
Bucks 2-3
United Forces 0-1
WH Drywaller 6-1

Flag Football: Skilled-East Division:
Octopus 4-2
OGBC 2-3
Screaming Seagulls 3-2
C Poppers 3-2
Boston's Finest 4-1
Dunkin D Heads 0-5
Dankinson Dark Squirrels 1-5

Skilled-West Division:
Back That Pass Up 5-0
Below Avg Andy's 2-3
Bucks 4-1
Carpet Cleaners 2-2
Scanlon Sloots 1-4
Deadbeat Creeps 1-4
Bad News Bears 1-1

Highly Skilled Division:
Team X 5-1
TDMP 3-1
Money Team 3-2
C Stunts 3-3
Space Monkey Mafia 2-3
49ers 1-5

Men's 3 v 3 Basketball: Highly Skilled:
Super Sonics 2-3
Splash Bros 5-0
TDMP 2-1
The Minions 2-3
OGBC 4-1

Skilled:
Heart over Height 3-1
Little Giants 2-3
Team ZNRJ 2-1
Zip Em up West 0-1
McBuckets 0-5
The Legends 1-4

1 Pitch Softball:
Hit it & Quit it 6-1
Westfield Man Dimes 6-2
Moose & the Boys 5-5
Ball Dad's 6-5
Below Avg Andy's 1-6

Owls rout Panthers in largest win of season

Michael Mercadante rushed for 122 Yards and 2 TD's against Plymouth State in the Owl's last game. The 35-0 victory was the largest this seson for Westfield as Mercadante continued his dominance.

WSU Athletic Department

Senior tailhack Michael Mercadante (Minnechaug/ Wilbraham, Mass.) cracked the 100-yard rushing mark for the third time this season and Westfield's defense was close to perfect in shutting out Plymouth State, 35-0, on Saturday afternoon at a rainy Alumni Field.

Mercadante toted the hall 25 times for 122 yards, and touchdown runs of 14 and 43 yards. He put the Owls ahead, 7-0 with a 14-yard run to cap the game's opening drive, as Westfield marched the ball 92 yards on 10 plays.

"Merc may not be in a class by himself," said Westfield State head coach Pete Kowalski. "But it doesn't take very long to call the roll."

The Owls pushed the lead to 14-0 just a minute later, when the they capitalized on a Plymouth State fumble, which was recovered hy Westfield senior defensive end Jonathan Lytle. Senior QB Steve Guercio (Gardner/ Gardner. Mass.) launched a 33-yard scoring strike to Scotty Nye (Uxhridge/Uxbridge, Mass.) on the next play from scrimmage.

With the lead comfortahly in hand, the Owls defense took over. First Westfield recorded a safety on a fourth down play as the snap was mishandled hy punter Hunter Hawancza dribhled out of the back of the end zone.

The Owls picked up another safety in the third quarter, forcing a fumble in the end zone.

Senior defensive end Marcus Pettigrew (Auhurn/ Auhurn, Mass.) led the defensive effort for Westfield with 10 tackles, two sacks, and four total tackles for losses. Senior linebackers Julon McCoy (Gardner/Gardner, Mass.) and Troy Cutter(Lunenberg/Lunenherg, Mass.) each had seven tackles.

"Marcus played like a man possessed," said Kowalski. "We have come to expect that on a weekly hasis, but he had a great impact on the game today."

Westfield stifled Plymouth's rushing game. The Panthers mustered just nine total yards rushing on 31 tries. The Owls limited Plymouth's passing attack to just 4-11 for 19 yards and an interception. For the game, Plymouth State had just one first down and 28 total yards.

"[Defensive Coordinator] Sean O'Brien, coach Hinsch, and coach Raymond had a great game plan going in to the week, and our student-athletes executed it to perfection," said Kowalski.

Westfield posted 440 yards of total offense on the day. Ryan Wilder (Turners Falls/Turners Falls, Mass.) gained 67 yards on the ground, and Colby Bostek (West Boyiston/West Boylston, Mass.) added 58, most of which came on a fourth-down rush that he popped for 55 yards. Guercio had an efficient game despite the heavy rain, completing 10 of 16 passes for 175 yards and one TD.

Westfield wide receiver Sam Laurin (Chicopee Comp/Chicopee, Mass.) posted a Gordie Lockhaum-like performance for the Owls. Having started at cornerback for the Owls first three games, Laurin moved to wide receiver during the bye week, caught four passes for 62 yards, kicked off for the Owls, and returned four punts for 46 yards, including a 34-yarder.

Freshman Jordan Brown (Lynn Classical / Lynn, Mass.), making his first start at cornerback in place of Laurin, had his first collegiate interception, and returned a pair of kicks for 77 yards.

"We had a great bye week of preparation," said Kowalski. "It can be difficult for the student athletes to focus and execute coming out of the break, but we did that, and I'm proud of them."

"We ironed out a few issues with the hye week , and if we can cut down on the penalties and eliminate mistakes we have the opportunity to move ourselves into a different realm as a football team."

Westfield improves to 3-1, 2-0 in MASCAC. Westfield will travel to Framingham State next Saturday for a game that will he a hattle between the league's only two unheaten teams.

Plymouth falls to 1-4, 0-3 in the league and has their bye week next weekend.

Horn Lifts Owls Past Buccaneers in Overtime

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield Junior Zack Horn (Carver, Mass./ Old Colony) scored the game winner eight minutes into overtime to lead the Owls past Mass. Maritime in a MASCAC men's soccer game on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Dom Cavallini (Springfield, Mass./ Minnechaug) notched the assist for Horn when he drove down the left side before making the short pass from the end line across the face of the goal. Once delivered to Horn's foot, he was able to find an opening on the far end of the net.

The Owls staked a one goal advantage in the first half when Kieran Moriarty (West Springfield, Mass./ West Springfield) flicked a header past the Buccaneer back line to a streaking Connor Gilbert (Melrose, Mass./ Melrose). The freshman gathered the pass in space and was able to deposit the goal inside the opposite post.

Mass. Maritime forced the extra frame in dramatic fashion when Stuart Kinsman (Granville, Mass./ Southwick-Tolland) scored with four minutes remaining in regulation. Michael Rouette (Three Rivers, Mass./ Monson) assisted on the play with a nifty pass off his knee.

Buccaneer keeper Joe Cohen (Plymouth, Mass./ Plymouth South) made three stops on the rainy night while his Owl counterpart Keith Hevey (Chicopee, Mass./ Chicopee) saved four shots to preserve the win.

The Owls improve to 2-7-1 overall, 1-2 in conference, while the Buccaneers fall to 5-4 and 2-1.

Gilbert was chosen as the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics Conference rookie of the week in men's soccer.

Gilbert netted his first collegiate goal to stake the Owls to a 1-0 lead in a match they would eventually win 2-1, in overtime, against Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Saturday evening.

The goal was a big one for the Owls, as it snapped a 604-minute scoring drought. Gilbert has played in nine of the Owls 10 matches this year. drawing three starts.

Gilbert's teammate Horn was named to the MASCAC weekly honor roll. Horn provided the game-winning goal in overtime on Saturday, as the Owls improved to 2-7-1 overall, and 1-2, in the MASCAC.

Westfield State will travel to Endicott for a non-conference match on Wednesday for a 7:00 p.m. kickoff. The Owls will hope to win the second half of their season.

Junior Zack Horn scored his second goal of the season in the Owl's most recent game against Mass. Maritime. The goal came in extra time to secure Westfield a 2-1 victory, their second of the season.

Upsets galore as top AP teams fall in wild Saturday

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

ALLEN KEE / ESPN IMAGES

Bo Wallace was the star of this past Saturday as the senior led his 11th ranked Ole Miss Rebels to victory against 1st ranked Alabama. It was the first time that Ole Miss beat a 1st ranked and team and the first time at 5-0 since 1962

Four out of the top six teams in the Associated Press Poll lost last week, bringing chaos and uncertainty to anybody trying to make any early predictions for the Final Four. The four teams, Alabama, Oregon, Texas A&M, and Oklahoma, had all received first place votes in the previous week's poll and were all expected to make runs at the top spot before the end of the season.

This marks only the second time since the Associated Press Poll was instituted in 1936 that four of the top six teams lost, the first being Week 11 in 1990.

The Oklahoma Sooners' 37-33 loss to the Texas Christian Horned Frogs has to be the most shocking upset. The Horned Frogs have played consistently well on both sides of the ball, giving up a mere 7.0 PPG on defense prior to Saturday's game while averaging 44.7 on offense, largely due to QB Trevone Boykin's stellar play. In Saturday's game, Boykin went 20 for 38 in the air, throwing for 2 TDs against a stellar Oklahoma defense.

The Sooners were limited on offense, as evidence to QB Trevor Knight's below average game due to cramps. Knight completed just 14 of 35 passes with just one TD against two INTs.

Oklahoma did keep the game close, with the Sooners matching the Horned Frogs score for score until the 4th quarter. Still, the Sooners were unable to rely on their run game when they needed it most, with star RB Samaje Perine gaining a paltry 87 yards on 25 carries. Regardless, the loss sent the Sooners down seven spots in the Polls while the Horned Frogs leapfrogged from the #25 spot all the way up to the #9 spot.

Mississippi State also jumped in the Polls after their 48-31 victory over the defeated the Texas A&M Aggies on Saturday.

The Bulldogs took an early 28-10 lead by the end of the half, largely due to Josh Robinson's two TD effort in the first quarter. Robinson saw limited plays on the ground, however, but still managed to get 107 yards on just 17 carries.

Heisman candidate Kenny Hill threw for 365 yards and four touchdowns for the Aggies. However, the Mississippi State defense also picked Hill off three times, which is one more than Hill has thrown so far this season.

Mississippi State junior quarterback Dak Prescott solidified his Heisman candidacy, however, completing 20 of 26 passes for 268 yards and four total touchdowns, two of them rushing.

The Bulldogs jumped into the Polls after defeating Les Miles and the rival LSU Tigers the previous week, and with their win on Saturday have catapulted themselves into the #3 position, tied with Ole Miss.

The Rebels also had a convincing win on Saturday, defeating the Crimson Tide in a 23-17 rout. The Rebels assured their comeback victory after Ole Miss defensive back Senquez Golson picked off Alabama quarterback Blake Sims with 37 seconds left, his only interception of the game.

Sims played rather poorly, throwing for a mere 228 yards, just a few weeks after his 4 touchdown, 445 yard dismantling of the Florida Gators. TJ Yeldon was vital in Alabama's rushing game, rushing for 123 yards on 20 carries, however he failed to score.

Ole Miss quarterback, Bo Wallace, had a slow start but managed 251 yards on 19 completions and three touchdowns on the night for the heavily pass-oriented Rebels. Wallace threw two these touchdowns in the final 6 minutes of the game, including a 10-yarder to Jayden Walton to give the Rebels a six point lead.

The Ole Miss defense was superb, as they have been throughout the season. Leading up to Saturday's game, the Rebels allowed a mere 8.5 points per game under the leadership of senior cornerback Mike Hilton and sophomore defensive lineman Robert Nkemdiche.

With the win, the Rebels soared up eight spots in the Polls, while Alabama moved down four spots.

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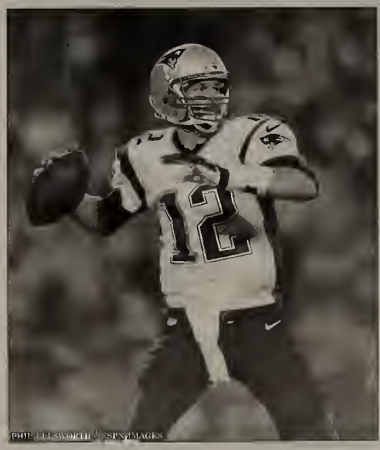
Brady and Patriots restore hope to fans



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Tom Brady and the New England Patriots silenced critics after their blowout win this past Sunday against the Bengals.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

Tom Brady and the word "doubt" are about as dangerous of a mixture as fire and gasoline. Most fans were guilty of this after the Chiefs game last Monday night when Brady threw two interceptions and was stripsacked. No one knew what to expect this week against the Bengals, who have looked solid on both sides of the ball, with a record of three wins and zero losses so far this season.

The Patriots received the ball to start the game and you could tell it was going to be exciting. Brady came out as fired up as could be and marched eighty yards down the field for a score. This included a trademark Brady run up the middle on 4th and 1 at the Cincinnati 5-yard-line, which led to Ridley scoring from one yard out.

After that drive, the whole stadium could feel the emotion and energy that Brady brought.

Gillette was rocking. The Patriots came to play, and they were not going to stop anytime soon. At the end of the first half, the Patriots were up 20-3.

To start the third quarter, both teams went 3 and out before the Bengals scored on the first play of the next drive with a 37-yard pass from Andy Dalton to Mohammed Sanu.

The Patriots responded by driving 86 yards down the field, resulting in a 16-yard touchdown reception by Rob Gronkowski. The pass placed Brady at sixth all-time for the passing yards record with 50,232.

On the ensuing kick off, the Patriots forced a fumble, and Kyle Arrington took it into the end zone from nine yards out. This put the home team up 34-10.

The Patriots' cornerback, Darrelle Revis locked down the Bengals wide receiver, AJ Green, all night. In the first play after Revis left the game because of an aggravated hamstring, Dalton threw to Green for a touchdown, making the score 34-17.

Gostkowski chipped two field goals through the uprights after the Cincinnati touchdown, and the defense came up with another fumble recovery.

All in all, this was a classic Patriots beat down. Despite being doubted and having the quarterback situation questioned after last week's performance, Brady showed that he is not washed up and can still be considered elite. New England fans are happy again, and the expectations will be raised for the rest of the season after this week's showing and Patriot standard will be upheld.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 19):
A new exciting friendship will be blossoming in your life this week. The newfound feelings are not mutual. Do your new "friend" a favor and back off.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
This week you will be biting off more than you can chew. Surround yourself with people who know how to perform the Heimlich.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
The stars predict that you will live an exceptionally fulfilling life. However, I would not recommend believing in the predictions of such a ludicrous, unreliable source.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
That turkey sandwich you've been craving all week is destined to give you the runs. The stars suggest you eat it before class to get out of that test you will inevitably fail.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
A stressful conflict is on the horizon. You will handle the situation very poorly.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
You've been rubbing your boss the wrong way lately. It's time to stop giving him unrequested massages.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
A strike of good fortune is just around the corner for your arch nemesis.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
All those new co-workers that you think adore you are all mocking you behind your back. Be sure to turn around more often at work.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
All of your suspicions are correct. Everyone is out to get you. The stars advise you invest in a more expensive security system.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Your grandma is off her rocker. You should probably go catch her!

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
I know things have been going terribly for you and you are quickly losing hope. Regardless, your friends are getting sick of hearing about all of your problems so you should keep them to yourself.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars have nothing to predict about you this week. Barricade yourself in your house so as not to risk anything.

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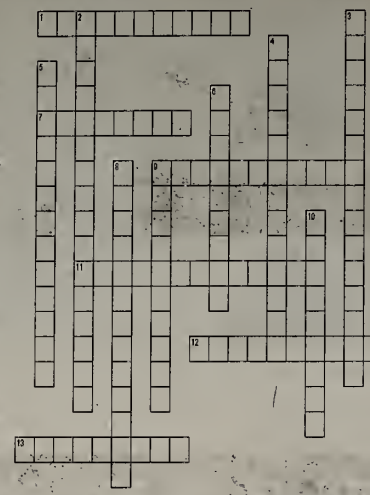

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1. The Queen in the 2006 movie of the same name (5,6)
7. Richard Jones in the 2006 movie, Babel (4,4)
9. The voice of RJ in the 2006 movie, Over the Hedge (5,6)
11. Director of the 2008 movie, Changeling (5,8)
12. Rowena Price in the 2007 movie, Perfect Stranger (5,5)
13. Linus Caldwell in the 2007 movie, Ocean's Thirteen (4,5)

DOWN
2. Roger Ferris in the 2008 movie, Body of Lies (8,8)
3. Director of the 2008 movie, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (6,9)
4. Fox in the 2008 movie, Wanted (8,5)
5. Tom Booker in the 1998 movie, The Horse Whisperer (6,7)
6. Senator Jasper Irving in the 2007 movie, Lions for Lambs (3,6)
8. The voice of Shifu in the 2008 movie, Kung Fu Panda (6,7)
9. The voice of Alex in the 2008 movie, Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (3,7)
10. M in the 2008 movie, Quantum of Solace (4,5)

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10/11-12	12-4 pm	Wellness Center Special Holiday Hours	Wellness Center
10/13	8:30-5:30 pm	Wellness Center Special Holiday Hours	Wellness Center
10/14	9-5 pm	New Voters Project	Ely Lobby
10/14	11 am -2 pm	Latin Heritage Luncheon	Dining Commons
10/14	11 am—2 pm	How Do You Like Your Taco?	Dining Commons
10/14	5-8 pm	Masquerade Anthology Copy of WSU	Longfellow Living Room
10/15	9 am-5 pm	New Voters Project - LAST DAY TO REGISTER	Ely Lobby
10/15	11 am-2 pm	Canadian Luncheon	Dining Commons
10/15	1-2 pm	Vendor Fair - By Sodexo	Dining Commons
10/15	12:30 pm	Catherine Dower Depart. Student Recital Series	Dwyer Stage
10/15	2 pm	Program Fair Board Mtg	Student Center
10/15	1-5:30 pm	Making Balanced Nutrition A Way Of Life	Owl's Nest
10/15	8 pm	CAB Trivia	Owl's Nest
10/16	1:30 pm	Leadership Voyage—Write For Success	Club Room
10/16	5:30 pm	Student v. Food Hot Dog Eating Contest	Dining Commons
10/16	8 pm	DON'T Play For Us Cab	U. Hall
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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA continues momentum with lively agenda at Tuesday's Senate meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

A **plethora of good and solid in**formation was given out at the latest Student Government Association last Tuesday.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, welcomed all the senators back from the Columbus Day holiday and began the meeting. She appointed Katherine Robinson as the Student Athletic Council Representative to SGA for the 2014/2015 academic year. Robinson's job will be to act as a liaison between the Student Athletics department and the SGA.

DiVico then announced on Oct. 21, in the Loughman Living Room located in Scanlon Hall, there will be a discussion on the progress of the new Science Building and Wilson Hall hackfill renovations. She said the meeting is open to the campus community.

After the madam president was finished, Ken Haar, who is the legislative director of PHENOM, Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts, spoke to the SGA. Haar said PHENOM's mission is to fund public higher education, make higher education affordable and accessible to all, and to advocate for lower student fees.

Haar gave each of the SGA senators a card to fill out their contact information and in turn they will receive updates on PHENOM as well as ongoing events from the network. Haar said that the Massachusetts Teacher's Association, last month, gave PHENOM a $50,000 grant to set up a chapter on the Westfield State University campus. He said he hopes all SGA senators will advocate the new chapter to their constituents thought their respective committees and clubs.

Scott Seskevich, president of the class of 2017, asked Haar if PHENOM would be just on campus for the fall and spring semesters. Haar said that PHENOM works 12 months out of the year and has a light schedule during the summer where they have organizational training for any student interested.

Jon Cuhetus, representative to the class of 2017, asked what other projects PHENOM is working on besides establishing chapters on campuses. Haar said one of the big things is developing the message of freezing fee increases in the 2016 budget year.

"This year only UMASS Amherst has had that happen to them. You will learn when dealing with the legislature there is an awful lot of divide and conquer down there and pit one part of the system against the other. PHENOM tries to keep everyone together because that's our job," Haar said.

After Haar was finished Joshua Frank, student representative to the board of trustees, gave his report. He said the meeting was very long and the board covered numerous topics. Frank said the board approved a proposal to charge first year students $100 if they do not complete the Alcohol EDU and the Havens sexual assault awareness and reporting online courses.

The goal of the fee, Frank said, is to make the students complete the course and that each student has been warned of the fee and the remaining students who have not completed it received emails. He said this new policy would only affect about 40 students if they do not finish the course.

Frank also announced that the board approved a new project on campus to replace HVAC units in Bates, Wilson, and Parenzo Halls as well as adding new lights and other sources of eco-friendly energy alternatives. However, Frank said, the project has no official timeline.

Frank also happily announced that the new science building has been officially 100% paid off by the university. He lastly mentioned that the presidential official began last Wednesday but the presidential search committee would not begin until next spring semester.

"The board did not decide upon a date as to when we would want have a new president by; we want to make this a slow and smooth process," Frank said. The next board meeting is Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. in the president's boardroom.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said that the Substance Advisory Committee met for the first time on Wednesday and discussed the marijuana policy on campus. There are a lot of gray areas and conflicts with federal and state law that exists on the policy, Clark said. He went on to say that Massachusetts has been more liberal on marijuana than the federal government's no-tolerance policy.

"If a student has a letter from the department of public health to have it in their possession, and they are caught with it on campus, what happens? So we need to figure out these intricacies," he said.

Clark also announced that the Outreach Counselor Search Committee has made a decision to hire Julia Nedry for the Counseling Center. He said Nedry would be counseling and doing stress relief work and sexual assault prevention topics.

Lastly, Clark said Residence Life have made good progress on the new renovation project of for Dickinson Hall. He said the similar renovations that took place in Davis Hall would he done to Dickinson Hall, where the bathrooms will become common rooms.

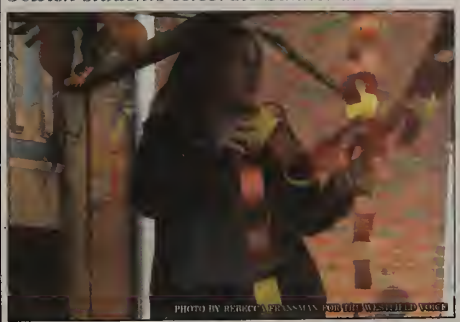
Both halls will have their common areas and entrances renovated as well, he said. Clark said Dickson's renovations will take place in the summer of 2015 and the entrances of both halls will be done in the summer of 2016.

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, said the blood drive, or as he jokingly put it as "Justin's first annual blood bash," was a great success. He said the goal was to get 117 donors, hut they got 131 donors.

At the end of the meeting Interim President Dr. Elizabeth Preston and Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, surprised the SGA senators by bringing MoFroYo and other dessert treats. Pickron said it was courtesy of interim president herself. It could be just a coincidence, but national dessert day was Tuesday.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

Jewish students celebrate Sukkot at the Ferst



Story and photos of the Sukkot celebration that took place at the Ferst Interfaith Center on Friday can be found on page three.

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Homecoming is almost here!

Chelsea Nelson
Voice Reporter

Homecoming is approaching fast this year, as Oct. 25 is right around the corner.

This year, Westfield State University is focusing on bringing Westfield State Alumni to the sidelines to celebrate the amazing university we all attend.

Tickets are $10 per person, but if you register online at westfieldalumni/homecoming through Oct. 23, you can bring a friend for FREE!

There is no limit to this deal; every $10 entry fee paid online is good for two admissions.

This is "Nestor's Homecoming Special." Lifetime owls receive an additional savings on their first ticket at just $7, and members of the class of 2013 and 2014 get their tickets for FREE! On the day of Homecoming all tickets will be $10.

The entertainment of the day includes music featuring Billy G and the Blue Zone and trivia with emcee Tom Connery '78.

The Sodexo food truck will be there, offering great tasting fair food including burgers, dogs, chili, nachos, French fries, and more.

The Alumni Association will be serving popcorn and some sweet treats as well. Beer, wine, soft drinks and water will also be available. The soccer game starts at 11 a.m. against Worcester State and our football team kicks off at 2 p.m. against Bridgewater State. Immediately following the football game, our criminal justice faculty is gathering at The Nook in downtown Westfield; all are welcome to join.

There will be a Kid's Zone for kids of Alumni from 1-3 p.m. It is an interactive play area run by faculty, staff, and student volunteers from the SNEA club on campus. Entertainment for the kids includes arts and crafts, fun games, and other supervised activities. Snacks that are kid-friendly will be available as well.

All are welcome to visit the Kid Zone, but it is ideally for children ages 3-12.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

A crowd of almost 100 University of Massachusetts students and faculty members met in the Integrated Science Building last Thursday to listen to a seminar by Dr. Daniel Hillel, an Israeli hydrologist and soil scientist who was awarded the 2012 World Food Prize. Hillel spoke about the importance of sustainable water usage during agricultural irrigation.

daily orange
Syracuse University

The Syracuse University Department of Public Safety has implemented additional security measures for Dineen Hall following its opening in September. Dineen Hall, the new home of SU College of Law students, put specific security measures in place last week for those who aren't law students or faculty.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

A team of Harvard researchers and their colleagues have developed a new software platform that makes it easier for scientists to understand and analyze the many forms of cancer. Called StratomeX, the software can be used to visualize patterns in cancer-related bioinformatics data in a more lucid and less technical manner.

INTERFAITH CENTER

Jewish students celebrate Sukkot at the Interfaith Center

PHOTOS BY REBECCA HANSMAN FOR THE WESTFIELD VOICE

Rabbi Joyce Galaski
Voice Contributor

Did anyone notice a small structure that appeared just outside of the Ferst Interfaith Center (across from Wilson) last week?

Anyone wonder what it was doing there or why it had a roof made of cornstalks and was decorated with gourds, fruits and vegetables and paper chains?

Here's the answer: it was a sukkah and it was built for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot. Sukkot is a celebration of the fall harvest and a time of thanksgiving for its abundance. (The Pilgrims patterned their Thanksgiving on Sukkot, which is described in the Bible.)

For Jews, Sukkot also is a remembrance of the biblical stories of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness, on their way from Egypt to the Promised Land, and living in temporary structures, like the sukkah.

Last Friday, the Jewish Student Organization (J.S.O.) and Congregation Ahavas Achim of Westfield had a Sukkot celebration that began with decorating the sukkah, went on to Sukkot blessings, songs and stories, and concluded with a pizza supper in the sukkah.

If anyone is interested in the J.S.O. or would like to know about its activities, they can contact J.S.O. President Sarah Goldman at sgoldman6497@westfield.ma.edu.

If you'd like to see the sukkah, it will be there for another day or two, although it's a bit tattered from wind and rain.

The sukkah is temporary and transient, but the tradition of celebrating Sukkot is not; it has been going on for 3,000 years.

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Westfield State appoints first director of non-discrimination and compliance

From Press Release

WESTFIELD, Mass., October 8, 2014- Westfield State University has announced that Lawrence Johnson has been named Director of Non-Discrimination and University Compliance. Johnson officially joins the university on October 20, 2014.

"Using existing funds for a position that we have chosen not to fill, we have created this new position to assure that we are doing everything we must and can do to meet state and federal requirements and provide a safe environment for everyone in our campus community," said Elizabeth H. Preston, president, Westfield State University. "Our recent audit by the Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller suggests that a better coordinated approach to risk management through a dedicated position will build on what is already in place and will ensure we are adhering to the highest ethical standards." The position will focus on prevention and will include identifying any risks the university may face from internal policies or changes in local, state or federal laws, and designing or implementing controls to minimize those risks and reporting the effectiveness of the controls. Johnson also will provide education and training, and is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating the university's Equal Opportunity, Diversity, and Affirmative Action Plan and initiatives to promote an inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff.

A lawyer, Johnson currently holds joint positions as Associate Dean of Students at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ and Dean of Students for Rider's Westminster Choir (Music) College in Princeton, NJ. He is responsible for upholding many legal areas including Title IX, risk management, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), disability services, substance abuse prevention, and multicultural affairs and community service. Johnson has worked closely with human resources to provide sexual harassment training to all corners of the university and assisted in the development of Rider's Title IX policy in compliance with the Office of Civil Rights' 2010 "Dear Colleague" letter and Violence Against Women Act.

In addition to his role as dean, Johnson is an adjunct professor of American Studies where he has taught the course "Law and Ethics in Higher Education." He has been honored as an Omicron Delta Kappa inductee and academic advisor, was the recipient of the Angel on My Shoulder award from the Black Student Union, and was on the Law School Honor Code Committee at the Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Johnson's professional affiliations include memberships in the National Association of College Student Personnel Administrators, the Delaware Valley Student Affairs Administration Association, the Delaware Valley Student Affairs Administrators Association, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey.

Lawrence P. Johnson will be Westfield State's first director of non-discrimination and compliance.

He holds a B.A. in American Studies from Saint Michael's College, a M.S. in higher education administration from Michigan State University, and a J.D. from the University of New Hampshire Law School.

crime log

On Oct. 2, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 5:09 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 2, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 6:16 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 2, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 6:44 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 3, 2014, a larceny occurred between 9:00 p.m. and 7:27 a.m. in the Dining Commons. The case is under investigation.

On Oct. 3, 2014, an indecent assault and battery, a liquor law violation, and four counts of providing alcohol to minors occurred at 8:28 p.m. in Davis Hall. An arrest was made.

On Oct. 4, 2014, a liquor law violation and disorderly conduct occurred at 12:50 a.m. in the Dining Commons/Perch area. An arrest was made.

On Oct. 4, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 1:16 a.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 4, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:21 p.m. in a Parenzo Hall Bathroom. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 4, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 9:25 p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 4, 2014, a drug law violation and a liquor law violation occurred at 10:27 p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 5, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:03 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 5, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:53 a.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 5, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 1:37 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 8, 2014, the unlicensed operation of a vehicle, operation on an excluded way, and the receiving of stolen property occurred at 12:17 a.m. in Lammers Lot. An arrest was made.

On Oct. 8, 2014, malicious destruction occurred at 10:00 p.m. at Landsdowne Place. The case is open.

On Oct. 9, 2014, a liquor law violation occurred at 6:52 p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 9, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 10:16 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 9, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 10:56 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 3, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 1:17 a.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 13, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 2:15 a.m. on Ely Road. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 13, 2014, a drug law violation occurred at 10:06 a.m. in Lammers Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

from the voice vault

*This article was published in the **January 31, 2005** issue of* The Westfield State Owl.

WSC student struggles to overcome painful addiction

Fashion Files

By: Lisandra Billings

Imagine your most prized possession, the one thing that you're almost positive you could neither live nor breathe without. How horrified would you be if you lost that, if you were suddenly forced into an existence devoid of the one thing that you needed more than anything else? For me, that nightmare came true this weekend.

It was Saturday night in the midst of the blizzard when I began unpacking from an adventure with some friends in Framingham the night before. As I emptied my overnight bag out on to my bed a slight panic came over me as I realized something wasn't right, something was missing.

And then it hit me like a ton of bricks...I had lost my make-up bag.

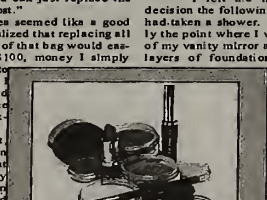
Not just any make-up bag, but THE make-up bag. I carried everything in this bag, everything essential to every day life, and the thought of having to live without it...unbearable. It was at about this time that I realized I was no longer standing near my bed, I had dropped to the ground and was now having a full-fledged panic attack.

As my roommate stared quizzically, I proceeded to lie on the floor, pounding my fists and screaming, for a good two minutes. It reminded me of my last tantrum...I was seven and didn't want to eat the peas my mother had placed on the plate in front of me. Though traumatizing, that moment was nothing compared to the anguish I felt over the loss of my most trusted companion.

After blubbering on for a few more minutes, I pulled myself together. I tried thinking logically. "It's not really the end of the world," I thought to myself. "You can just replace the make-up you lost."

The idea seemed like a good one...until I realized that replacing all of the contents of that bag would easily cost over $100, money I simply did not have to spare seeing as I had just handed over $300 to the campus bookstore.

I sat debating in agony over what I would possibly do, for over an hour. I could simply sell back a couple of books, surely I didn't actually need some of the books professors assigned. Maybe I could call my parents, pleading starvation, and beg them to send money for food and just use the money to buy a few cosmetic essentials. Or even better, maybe I could actually not spend any money on food, gas or entertainment for a month...who needs a life anyways?



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Make-up products similar to the ones pictured above aren't as harmless as they seem. Read about one girls struggle to kick a bad habit in order to put a little more money in her pockets and prevent bad skin.

It was at this point that I realized I had a huge problem. I was a make-up junkie.

The first step to recovery is admitting that you have a problem. Of course I went through anger, denial and guilt as well...but after all of this comes acceptance. There was nothing else left to do but quit. No foundation, no mascaras, no eyeliners, bronzers or glosses...I needed to quit cold turkey.

I felt the first pain of my decision the following morning after I had taken a shower. This was usually the point where I would sit in front of my vanity mirror and cake on three layers of foundation, two different kinds of blush, eye pencils, lip pencils, brow pencils...all in all a process that took no less than forty minutes.

Quite conscious of the empty spot on my shelf where my make-up bag once rested, I sat down to begin my new morning ritual, a bit of moisturizer and some chap stick. After blow-drying my hair, I was ready in less than ten minutes, but it just didn't seem right.

I headed out to my classes feeling somewhat naked and quite insecure. It's not that I wanted to impress others by painting on a face that I thought more acceptable than my own, most people never even knew that I wore make-up. It was something I kept to myself and did for entirely for me...something that I missed more than anything.

I needed a fix and I needed it bad.

I realized now that it was almost impossible to quit without some sort of support, smokers get nicotine patches, alcoholics have A.A. meeting, and I needed something too. I decided that quitting cold turkey hardly ever works at all and while make-up was a bad habit I would have to break, I shouldn't have to do it all at once. It's not like I was the only one who used it, plenty of women and men use make-up in moderation and have had no problems...

Moderation. That was the key. I had had it all wrong, the answer wasn't to quit using make-up entirely but to cut back, using only the essentials, the few things you truly cannot live without. Surely all that other junk was unnecessary, just dangerous toxins that had no purpose other than to clog my pores.

I made a list, the few items I truly felt I could use safely and sparingly without fear of overdose or bad skin. Accompanied by a trusted friend, recruited to make sure I bought only what I needed, I headed to Walmart with only $30 in my pocket, just enough to buy what was on the list. I shopped quickly, careful to avoid prolonged exposure to the things I had once loved so dear, and when I reached the checkout and the cashier asked "Would that be all?" I smiled and proudly said, "Yes!"

It's only been a few days since my make-up transformation, but already I feel much better. Sure I have the moments where all I need more than anything is a good coat of bronzer, but I eat a piece of chocolate and wait it out until the craving passes. I can't say that I'll never touch another tube of lipstick again, who's to say what I'll look like when I'm fifty? I'm just going to have to take it one day at a time until I'm finally comfortable in my own skin.

*This photo was published in the **October 3, 1988** issue of* The Westfield State Owl.

Former U. Mass. cop new Director of Public Safety

By Paul Fitzpatrick

An important position on the Westfield State College staff was filled over the summer when Paul Ominsky accepted the post of Director of Public Safety.

Ominsky, 37, brings to Westfield a diverse educational background as well as years of on the job training in various campus security positions at the University of Massachusetts.

In 1974, Ominsky graduated from U.Mass. with a B.S. in Psychology. In 1977 his career became more law enforcement oriented when he graduated from the Massachusetts Police Training Academy. After having served as an Institutional Security Officer, Ominsky became a campus police officer. His success at that position led to a promotion to Sergent. His rise up the ladder didn't stop there though, in 1980 he became a shift supervisor, a job that brought with it more challenge and responsibility.

Seeking more career advancement was what led Ominsky to Westfield State. "I came to Westfield for professional development," was how he put it, and "I see myself staying here for a long time."

Ominsky is married and has two children. He and his family live in Amherst, where he and his wife, who is a former police officer, moved when they were married 10 years ago. Ominsky was born and raised in Holyoke, where he lived until he married.

He lists his hobbies as "police work, bicycling, reading." He also considers himself a "novice" computer user; His main interest though, is his family. Spending time with his children consumes the majority of his free time.

Ominsky sees his personal experience as the area of sensitive crimes. Having received an M.E.D. in counceling from U.Mass. in 1983, Ominsky is experienced in dealing with cases such as rape, assault, and other sensitive crimes. Also, dealing with police officer stress is another area where Ominsky is adept. He feels that having a background in psychology is beneficial to any police officer.

Ominsky has noticed several differences between U.Mass and W.S.C. He says that the student body is far more "friendly and cordial" at Westfield. He noted specifically the efforts of the student senate over the summer, when a solution to the parking problem was being sought. "When you have a group of students that are willing to work with Public Safety, it's much beuer for the (college) community," said Ominsky.

Although W.S.C. is much smaller that U.Mass., and doesn't have the same resources available to it, Ominsky credits the dedication of the public safety employees for the success of the department. "The commitment from public safety employees at Westfield is extremely strong," said Ominsky.

For those not familiar with the duties of the Director of public safety, they are, in Ominsky's words, "to administer, investigate, problem solve, and council," but his duties aren't limited to these. "I'm basically a jack of all trades," he said.

A typical day for Ominsky begins around 6:30 a.m., reviewing the reports of the night shift. The morning is usually filled with meetings with staff members and administration, attempting to solve problems or trying to avoid future ones.

Ominsky usually goes out on patrol at least once a day, to "get a sense of what's going on," though he usually doesn't spend more than a half an hour in the cruiser. Ominsky says he relies on the "expertise of the patrolmen" to handle the bulk of the patrolling.

The day usually ends for Ominsky around 6 p.m., though sometimes he takes some work home with him.

Ominsky has hopes of improving what he sees as an already successful public safety department. His first goal is to strengthen the rapport between the college community and the public safety office. He says the department will grow, and improve.

He hopes to initiate several new crime prevention programs, such as an identification of all valuables in resident halls. This program would result in recovering stolen property in a faster, more efficient manner.

Ominsky brings to the position of Director of Public Safety the qualifications that are necessary to maintain the level of effectiveness that has already been reached by the department, and the dedication to improvement that will help the department reach new success.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Kim Jong-un: "supreme leader" absence sparks international speculation?

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Kim Jong-un (center) is seen using a cane to hold himself up when in meetings with other North Korean officials prompting the international community to speculate that the "dear leader" is falling ill to serious medical conditions. This has recently caused histeria amoungst both United Nation diplomats and independent news officials alike.

Since September 3rd of this year, the North Korean dictator has been incognito and out of the public eye. Many North Korean officials claimed that Kim Jong-un was only gone due to "discomfort" for the last month; however, public speculation considers a more serious array of medical issues.

Over the last week a couple of "public relation" photos emerged showing the "supreme leader" smiling and showing no "signs of discomfort" expect for using a cane. However it is to be expected that Un is using a cane since his last public appearance showed him limping and stumbling.

Analysts speculate that it could be falling victim to his family lineage history of obesity or even gout. However, one thing is an issue: why did he leave? Ever since his father Kim Jong-Il showed signs of dying, both North Korean and independent officials claimed and continue to claim that Un is a puppet for some coalition of North Korean sect of military officials.

The problem seemed to escalate when Un failed to appear at the 65th anniversary of the Worker's Party. Normally Un would appear at the Kamsusan Palace of the Sun in Pyongyang in order to pay respects/tribute to his grandfather and father. However, the North Korean official press released a list of attendees where Un was surprisingly not on the list.

One of the wildest speculations is a list of physical body changes that "suggest hormone injections" alongside a probable laundry list of "plastic surgery". North Korea's power is derived from the general likeness of a leader's resemblance to the strong features of the Kim family line.

Kim Jong-un has had a few spurts of disappearing from the public eye, once in the middle of 2012 and then again for a brief period when his father was alive.Now you may or may not disagree with me, but I believe Un's sudden reappearance has been prompted due to a recent visit by the number two and thee officials of the North Korean Government to Seoul, South Korea in an attempt to discuss an opening of peaceful communications between the two countries.

The event itself sparked international hay fever in a sense of wild speculations being thrown about the international field.

Simply put, why were two top officials (essentially the successors) of North Korea talking to its government's public enemy on open communication negotiations. It seemed to send a message that the younger supreme leader was no longer involved in the affairs and administration of his country. To be fair, it was the message taken by most of the international community.

I think we should keep Pyongyang under close surveillance, since it would seem power moves are afoot. I am personally under the belief that if the younger Kim was of actually the one deciding the policies of the country, the country would be in a worse state (and that's saying something).

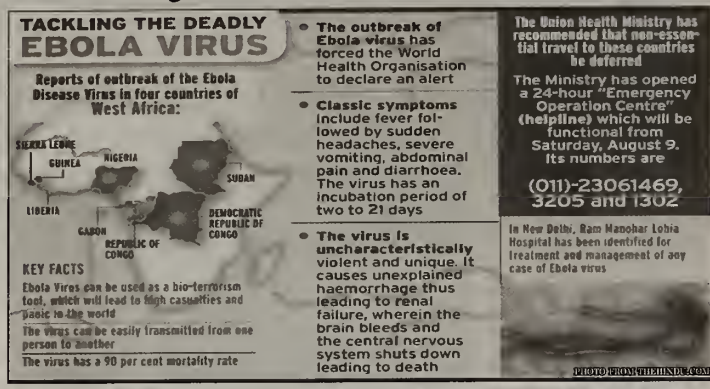
On that note, I believe that the Kim family, despite the strong two leaders of Sung and Il, did actually administer his country, but Un seems to be more of a puppet rather than a puppeteer. In all seriousness, if the top officials of the N. Korean government wanted to do something, it would have been done.

Now this is just speculation of course and I hope that within the next few weeks, more information will be made public about the communistic dictatorship that has its own citizens so fervently worshipping their "dear leader".

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Ebola: What you need to know

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist



"West Africa could face up to 10,000 new Ebola cases a week within two months," the World Health Organization (WHO) AP news reported on Monday.

AP news also said that experts have determined a pattern with the virus, saying victims of the disease seem to be doubling every three weeks.

WHO also said that the deatb rstes of tbose who are infected in those countries is up to about 70%.

On October 8, Thomas Eric Duncan, the first known person to be infected with Ebola, died.The nurse who cared for Duncan has just been pronounced dead on Tuesday.

Nina Pham died after contracting the virus at the Dallas hospital even though she used gloves, masks, and other protective gear while treating Duncan, reported CNN. Others working in the hospital are concerned that they may have made some contact with the virus as well.

Doctor Tom Friedan, at the Center for Disease Control, said there may have been inconsistencies with the handling of her protective gear when being removed or replaced.

Though I do not believe we should be too concerned here in the United States, I think it still needs close attention paid to it because of its devastating effects elsewhere.

Doctors internationally are still unsure of exactly how the virus is contracted but believe it is exchanged through bodily fluids such as vomit, diarrhea, and blood. Though experimental drugs to treat the virus seemed to be helping some cases, they have run out of the supplies.

Those who have contracted the disease in Western Africa were already struggling with finding the resources and medical attention they needed before the shortage of the drug supply.

Doctors Without Borders said, "16 of its employees had been infected with Ebola and nine of them have died."

Medical workers in Africa are saying that many of the organizations speak with the media hut have done little in reality to help with victims of the virus.

If people neglect to put efforts forward and set up even basic healthcare in areas of the infected, the disease will continue to spread. Health workers in Africa say that it's not enough, or even ethical, to just isolate patients with the virus. Solid solutions must he found.

Those who are working hard to resolve the mystery behind the disease and its successful treatments are falling ill. After the death of Pham, a UN worker in Germany also died.

In this day and age of Western medicine it is sometimes difficult for us to wrap our heads around a problem like this hecause we are so used to just heing able to have a treatment.

I think many people may disregard the severity of the outbreak because it is not occurring in our society at an alarming level. However, it is important to note that those who are suffering are struggling to find resources, but also western doctors and workers are unable to find a definitive solution to end the outbreak.

It is important to remember that even though six people have contracted the disease in the United States, two of those have died.

Those victims did not receive the drugs used on successful cases and its hecause we don't have the resources.

This epidemic could easily outbreak anywhere at this point and it is important to he aware of tiis.

LADIES' LIFESTYLE

Makeup essentials for beginners

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

If you are new to using makeup it can be overwhelming to pick out products and find the right ones. With so many brands and colors, it may be hard to know where to start. These are a few basic items that I think are a necessary for any beginner makeup kit.

Foundation:

There are different types of "base" products for your face, but it comes down to what your skin type is. If you have naturally flawless skin you may opt for something on the lighter coverage side such as a BB cream or a tinted moisturizer. However, if you have some imperfections and redness, you may want to use something that has a more medium to full coverage effect.

Primer:

This is a basic product that often gets overlocked and can be considered non-essential. However, I strongly believe that primer is necessary, especially if you have oily skin. It minimizes pores and creates a smooth base for the rest of your makeup application. It also helps your foundation and powder last and not slide off your face.

Powder:

Powder is necessary for setting a foundation, tined moisturizer, or even concealer. It prevents any oiliness that may make your makeup slip right off your face. I recommend finding a compact that has a mirror so you can apply makeup on the go.

Mascara:

This is a great product for adding a little something extra to your eyes without looking unnatural. I recommend using mascara with a rubber wand as opposed to the softer wands.

The rubber ends on the mascara wands can pick up and hold onto lashes without causing clumping better than the softer ones; however if you find mascara with a soft wand that works for you then keep using it.

Makeup is different for everyone and finding products that work for your face can be tricky so find what works best for you.

Highlight:

In my opinion, highlighter is the most important part of applying makeup next to foundation. Highlighter is a product that can completely change your beauty look.

If applied correctly, it gives you a glowing look where people can't notice exactly what's different about your face. The goal when applying highlighter is to get a reflective dewy look that makes you look like you just moisturized your skin.

You can place highlighter on the top of your cheekbones, on the inner corner of your eyes, and on your brow bone.

from the editor's desk

Why do we still celebrate Columbus Day?

Columbus Day.

To most Westfield State University students it signals a break from fall semester classes and an opportunity to catch up on sleep.

But what is Columbus Day?

When we were in elementary school, we were taught that Christopher Columbus and his three ships (the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria) sailed from Spain in 1492 in search of India, hoping that by sailing west there would be easier passage for trading.

Instead of arriving in India, Columbus arrived in the Caribbean Islands and "discovered" America.

The problem is what Columbus did next, which was to begin to infect, exploit, and kill off the indigenous people of North America.

For some unknown reason, us Americans celebrate this ridiculous human being with a day off and the honors of somebody who actually did something good for humanity.

The only way that we can change the incorrect portrayal that is presented to us in elementary school is to stop honoring him.

In my view, a contributing factor to the "hero status" that we give to Columbus is the justification that he "discovered" the land that became America therefore he had a direct role in the founding of the United States.

He was one of the early "conquistadores" that laid the groundwork for what became our country, they say.

This justification is faulty and is detrimental to the actual history of the events that led to the founding of the United States.

While it is true that he was one of the original explorers, he cannot be celebrated as a hero.

We do not celebrate Andrew Jackson for discriminating against Native Americans with the Trail of Tears, or those who use biological warfare to infect their opponents with deadly diseases, or Dobelle for exploiting the university for financial gain.

So why do we still celebrate Christopher Columbus for all of those things?

This holiday needs to retooled to be Indigenous People Day or Heritage Day.

With Indigenous People Day, the thought would be to reverse Columbus Day and celebrate those who were exploited, raped, put into slavery, (and then) killed by Columbus and successors.

With Heritage Day, the thought would be for a person to celebrate their individual heritage.

Either way, this holiday is absolutely atrocious and needs to be reformed.

I guess that is what I get for being a history major...or a human.

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Dear Editors,

The cost of textbooks is too darn high! As a freshman, I have been accustomed to receiving textbooks from my teachers and not paying to borrow them for a year.

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Jon Hawes
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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

An open letter to the student body regarding the smoking gazebos

Dear students:

My name is Joshua Clark and I am your SGA vice president of student life. Ordinarily I would be excited for the opportunity to introduce myself to you.

However, I email you today about the sad state of the smoking gazebos that are placed for smokers' convenience by the Ely Campus Center and the Commuter Lot.

Installed at a cost of $40,000, these gazebos were installed at the behest of the university to encourage students not to put their lives at even further risk on Western Avenue.

In the three years since the gazebos have been installed, there has been gradual and unfortunate graffiti and destruction that has really discouraged the university from investing more money into providing a safe and weatherproof area for smokers to carry out their babit.

While I encourage all smokers to kick the habit, I know that it is a hard habit to break.

I have family members that are or have been addicted to cigarettes and nicotine and I know all of you do too.

These gazebos were installed for your convenience. They were built so there is a weatherproof place to stay out of the rain in locations that are off of Western Avenue with lights so nighttime use is possible.

Once these gazebos are to a point at which they cannot be repaired, they will be taken down and will not be replaced.

I would like to applaud the officers of Public Safety who have stepped up patrols and enforcing university policies when they have been broken.

Due to their efforts, students who have been found using illegal substances or vandalizing the gazebos have gone through the Student Conduct process. This is all an effort to maintain the gazebos for years to come.

If you are a smoker and you utilize the gazebos, please remind your friends to treat these gazebos with respect and that others need to use this space who might not want it taken away.

If you have any questions, please email me at vpstudentlife.sga@westfield.ma.edu or call my office at 413-572-5548. I am available Monday and Wednesday afternoons, or by appointment, in Ely 017.

Thank you,

Joshua T. Clark
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VANDALISM, GRAFFITI, AND DRUG USE IS NOT TOLERATED ON CAMPUS.

Student on medical leave writes about experience

Editor's Note: This article was submitted by a student of Westfield State University who wished to use a pen name.

I realized today just how not crazy "crazy people" are. Being at Noble hospital for about a week has opened my eyes to a different perspective on life.

I have always thought that psychiatric wards were meant for the mentally insane, and I can thank television and media for that.

But that is not the case.

They are normal people like you and I, who just have some issues that make them unique.

I have heard the voices in my head for the past year and I finally went and got some help.

But it was not what I was expecting. The media shows a completely incorrect image of what a psych ward is actually like.

I was there for about two weeks, and after talking to everyone there, I had my eyes opened to what people who could be called "crazy" (by society's standards) really thought about everyone they encountered in the ward.

A friend I met while there, named Lisa, told me a very sad story as to how she ended up in the hospital, and I feel it is my job now to educate people on how our minds think, and how our minds are different than the average person.

"I've struggled with depression my whole life; after I lost my mom, I spent a year with suicidal ideations. It was then that I knew I needed help, otherwise I wouldn't be here," Lisa said.

It's sad to think that things that happen to us can affect our lives to drastically; "People cannot change what their mind thinks; we all just think, we can only identify with it, it's sad and true, and people can't say anything good about themselves," Inga, another resident, said.

The one thing that people do have is that one outlet where they find courage and support.

For my roommate Inga, it was religion and the spiritual part; "Depression and anxiety are a slow form of torture, if your mind isn't right, how can your spirit be right? Listening to those voices isn't good for anything when we are all beautiful in God's eyes," Inga said.

She would walk around all day with the Bible by her side, and always talking to God while I was trying to sleep, which also got annoying at times, but was understandable because it was her way of coping.

Walking around the ward was basically like living in Davis Hall, aside from being stuck in just one hallway with only a few rooms, and not being able to get outside or have any time to myself.

It was nice though when I went around asking people to give me their opinions on being here, to be welcomed with open arms.

Having people be eager to tell me their words was so touching.

One of my closest friends I met while spending my time there was a scrawny, brown haired guy named Ron. He was the funniest person I've met in a while.

His words touched me the most: "Depression and Anxiety aren't crazy... just 'cause we're here doesn't mean we're crazy," Ron said.

His words are the truest I've ever heard. Just because I was there did not mean I was crazy, it just meant that I had more guts than many people to actually realize I had a problem, and that I needed help in order to overcome the obstacle that stood in front of me.

There was a girl named Tasha; she was there for two months before I came. She was an introvert; never talking to anyone, never letting anyone touch her, I was the first person to ever get past her wall.

The day she gave me a hug, one nurse told me how astonished she was that I was able to get through to her, all I said was "you have to treat her like another person, not just another patient." I was the first person to do so.

I was kind and treated her like an equal. When I asked her if she had anything to say about her experience here, she responded, "We have feelings, too."

I cried, because it was the deepest and longest sentence she ever said in front of other people; everyone in the whole room went silent, and Tasha and I just smiled at each other because we both knew that this was the opening to a new beginning.

The final thing that I learned was that "Anybody can end up here; everyone has problems," from a nurse named Michelle.

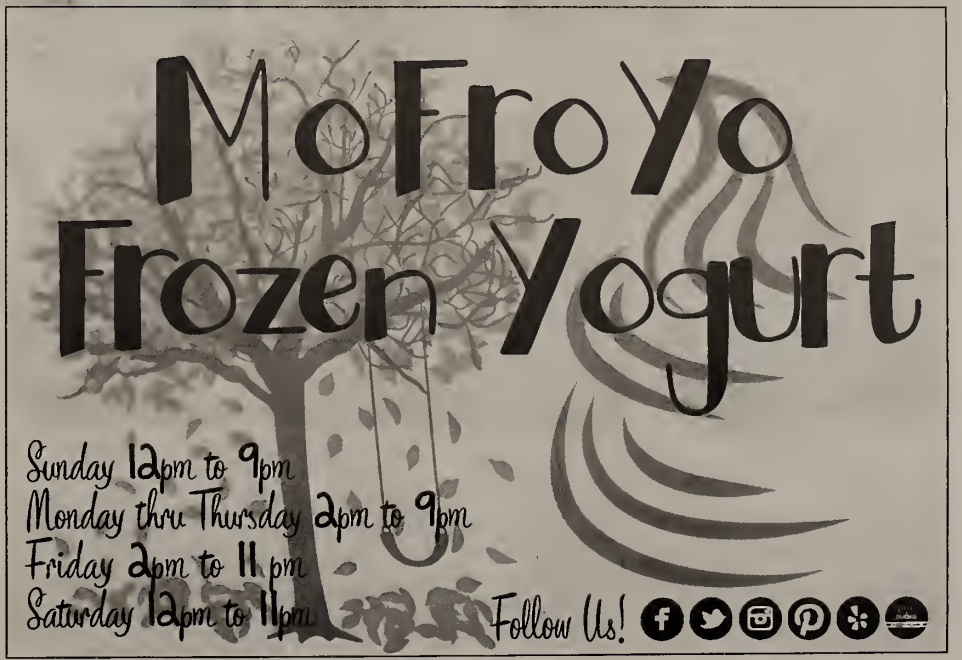
If you asked me a year ago if I would end up in a situation like this, where I was so mentally messed up I had to think about dropping out of college, I would have laughed at you and said you were crazy.

After experiencing this, I have a new respect for the word "crazy," and will use it in a new way.

I have more respect for those who secretly go through what I went through and who are scared to get help.

To them I say, do not be afraid of your own mind; asking for help never hurts. I am a much happier and stable person today because I went and got myself the help I needed.

Signed, D. Ryan



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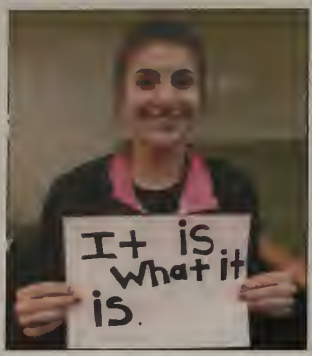
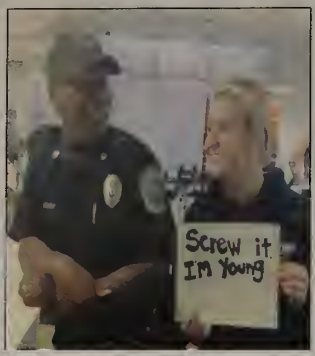
The Board

This week we proposed a question to six students here at WSU. The question of the week is: "What is your everyday motto" Here is what the students had to say.

THE BOARD: WHAT IS YOUR EVERYDAY MOTTO?



Alana Fiorita, a.k.a. Lanz, is a business major at Westfield Stete University from Reading, MA. She dreams of possibly becoming an accountant, although she is keeping her options open. Her peaking point was meeting Skendall on the couches of fish market during her freshman year, when her life was forever changed for the better. Her childhood fear was heights, but now her biggest fear has become the food served at the DC. Her dream vacation would be to travel to Italy with her family and close friends. She can most likely be found at the gym in Westfield, never skipping leg day. If she were given a super power, it would be to fly from one end of campus to the other end and wave down to all the peasants bellow. Now you know Alana Del Rey Fiorita.



Britney Bazinet, a.k.a. Brit, is an undeclared Westfield State student from Sandwich, MA. According to Bazinet, her peaking point took place not too long ago, when an officer decided to physically tackle her to the ground for looking "too suspicious" for running the streets to catch up to her friends on one glorious night. According to another source, the officer yelled to a group of teens and that was when our beloved Brit suspiciously decided to run the streets... I guess we will never know the truth of what really happened, but let's just assume Brit was in the right. Her childhood fear is the mask from the 1996 movie Scream. Her dream vacation would be traveling to Italy with her dapper boyfriend, Zach Young, who also attends Westfield State. Now you know, Britney, the Tackled, Bazinet.

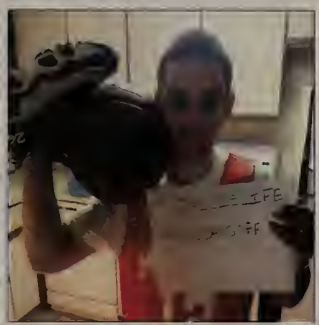
Joseph Burke (Joseppi Pepperoni), a.k.a. Roni, is a communications major from Worcester, MA. At Westfield State, this sophomore stud enjoys dancing in the rain and singing show tunes from shows like Chicago, Cats, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, and Grease. His peaking point would have to be getting his license six months ago. His childhood fear was Mike Myers, not the guy from Austin Powers or Wayne's World, but the fictional character featured in Halloween. You can most likely find Pepperoni in the fourth floor stacks reading books about cooking and love affairs for pleasure and joy. If he were given any unrealistic power, it would be to read people's minds; he is very confident when he says he thinks he has a calling in mind reading already. Now you know, Joseppi Roni Pepperoni.

Lauren Harrington, e.k.a. Lau, is a communications major from Norwood, MA. Her peaking point was when she won the superlatives "Most Likely to Brighten Your Day" and "Life of the Party" during her senior year at the Hood. Her childhood fear was and still is the face on the sun from the Teletubbies.

Her dream vacation includes going to Australia and having a wicked hot male to accompany her. She can be found running around the streets of Westfield both day and night. If she could have one super power it would be to see the future.

Her favorite 90's television show wes Spongebob and if you know her es well as others, you would notice she is very similar to Petrick. Now you know Lauren Patrick Harrington.

Mike Connelly, aka M Conn, is a criminal justice major from Stoughton, also known as tough-town, MA. His peaking point was et birth when he came out with flaming long locks of heir. His childhood fear is slithery snakes and he still is not a big fen of them. He can be most likely found in Lansdowne reading John Green's The Fault in Our Stars and painting his toenails. If he were featured on an episode of MTV's True Life, his title would read, True Life: I Have Red Heir; also feetured on thet same eolsode would be our fellow ginger, Brit. If he had one super power, it would be to be invisible. His favorite childhood television show wes Rocket Power. If he were given a million dollars this very moment, he would buy himself a nice Westfield house on Mechanic Street. His favorite scent is car gasoline and his favorite hobby is pumping gas. Now you know, Mike, the Ging, Connelly.



Mike Ozila, ake Oz Kush, is a movement science major from Milford, MA. He seys his peaking point wes in high school, but his buddies would all egree he is not telling the full truth. In reality, his peaking point was actuelly in elementary school when he threw e grepe at a teacher in the middle of an assembly. As a child, he feared spiders, puppies, cets, ants, grass, the sun, pants, cookies, coloring books, soccer bells, kisses from grandma, public places, his closet, under his bed, the toilet, and girls. You can most likely find Ozila in his room up to no good, and by thet I mean baking in e coconut bra and hula skirt when his roommates are not around.

His favorite 90's televisten show would heve to be Full House. When he hears the word sexy he thinks of Micheel Jeckson in the music video for the song "Men in the Mirror." Now you don't know, Mike Kush Ozile.

Halloween 2k14- Be Cheap and Efficient

With Halloween only a couple of weeks away, the mass panic of "What am I going to do for a costume?!" is starting to ensue. As if that isn't bad enough, Halloween happens to fall on a Friday this year. That means that not one, but three costumes are required. Let's get real, who repeats anymore? So to help all of you wonderful readers of The Scene, I came up with a list of some cheap, yet creative costumes to help spark some ideas!

The American Horror Story Clown

Boys, I had to throw this in there in hopes that someone will pull through. If you are watching this season then you already know, and if you don't, just Google it! All one needs to complete this costume is to buy the mask, which accomplishes everything for you. Wear any clothing you want because this thing is guaranteed to scare the living daylights out of anyone, especially intoxicated people at a party. I took it upon myself to ruin everyone's day by including a lovely picture of said character below. Enjoy!

Blonde, Brown, Redhead, it's all do-able!

With a few years of Halloween experience under my belt, I have noticed that girls love going for costumes that let their natural hair color play a part in identifying the character that they are. So for all tha blondes out there, I suggest the Alice in Wonderland look. All it requires is a light blue dress, white apron, heels (to look fabulous), and a hat, and you are one cute and cheaply put together princess! For my dark haired ladies, I chose Snow White, again for its cute and inexpensiveness. It gets even simpler with a dark blue dress, red heels, yellow cape or clutch, and ta-da, you are ready to go! As for tha redheads of campus, because oddly enough there are a lot of you, I would go with an Easy A costume. Embrace your inner Emma Stone by wearing any type of corset, some leather pants, a skirt or shorts, and then cut out a big red A to slap on your top. This is the most simple, yet creative way to embrace the red on your hair and the featured movie character.

Pretty Much Duct Tape Anything

I will start with the most basic of basic Halloween costumes, which involves the unfortunate use of duct tape. If you can make it through tour years of college without utilizing this unfortunate type of costume then props to you! If you want to a quick fix on the smallest budget possible, however, then get your bums to the nearest dollar store, ocean state job lot, or arts and crafts store. With duct tape coming in about every color and pattern imaginable, there are endless possibilities. For instance, during our sophomore year, my roommates and I each went as a playing card of a different suit. The idea was totally adorable, the duct tape, not so much. Kiss the abilities of going to the bathroom, breathing, and making sudden movements goodbye! For the sake of your wallet, and because I personally think everyone needs to experience this form of torture, go for the tape! Other ideas include, Vitamin Water flavors, beer bottles, M&M's, iPods, crayons, vodka flavors, etc. Anything that has multiple colors or flavors can be turned into duct tape costume at your convenience. My only suggestion is to make sure the most creative friend assists with putting them together because it is definitely not the easiest task.

The Ideal Couples Costume- Mickey & Minnie

For all the couples out there, this was my personal favorite. If you want to go the cheap and mostly homemade route, a Mickey and Minnie costume is pretty adorable and very easy to do. Wear virtually anything red and black that you feel looks best on you, go out and buy some ears, and then paint on a black nose! I am willing to bet that this whole thing can be thrown together for around twanty bucks tops for two people. Go to the party dressed as this and you will have every girl 'oooh' and 'awww-ing' you the entire night.

Learn to De-Stress

With midterms coming up next week, this time in the semester is about tha first point where the anxiety and stress levels go way up, and you start to contemplate your first mental breakdown. Although crying and screaming probably sounds like the best way to approach this school induced stress, believe it or not, there are actually some helpful ways to deal with it.

Exercise

This is probably the most foolproof way to blow off some steam and come back to the situation at hand with a level head. Taking an exercise break can range from a full on gym session, On-Demand Yoga, a walk around the block, or even just a few sets of abs workouts. The point is that you are making your mind and body focus on something entirely different than schoolwork. A great suggestion is to get the App called the "7 Minute Workout" which was specifically engineered with certain moves that are the equivalent to 60-minute workout, but in seven minutes! Simply get on the floor, start the app, and get going for an instant mood boost, and de-stressor.

Drink Your Tea

Green Tea is surprisingly a huge way to relieve stress while still getting a small dose of caffeine to keep you up and working away. Other caffeinated drinks have actually been discovered to make stress worse. So go spend 3.99 for a box of 40 tea bags at Big Y and get drinking because green tea will be your best friend to get you through the long days and nights that are midterms week.

Super stress-relief foods

Most of these top stress-relieving eats are healthy, but don't quit reading quite yet because there is a silver lining! Bananas, salmon, broccoli, asparegus, orange juice, chickan, and whole grains all make the top list. Most of these can be bought pretty cheap and prepared fast so that you can get your snack on then get back to the studying! Now for that silver lining (drum roll, please) SUGARS actually HELP! Yes you heard me, eating sugary food items like chocolate or ice cream actually helps to relieve stress, as long as it is eaten in small amounts. So indulge yourself after taking on some leafy greens beforehand because it will make you feel a lot better!

Relaxation Techniques

If you are feeling like a big shot and want to take on the real, doctor recommended relaxation techniques, here are a few to try out:
Meditate: turn everything off, dim the lights, and just sit there tor about 5 minutes until the whole world seems to be non-existent in that moment.

Breathe

Yes, breathe. Stop and take slow, deep breaths tor about two minutes until you literally feel the stress melt off. Slow down. Focus on one specific task and really enjoy it. By taking the time to appreciate one thing, your whole body will feel more at ease. Reach out and talk to friends, not tor the next five hours, but a good twenty or thirty minutes to text or call and talk about everything or nothing; the power of distraction is key.

Decompress

Use a heating pad or foam roller and relieves the pressure points bothering you the most for ultimate relaxation.

KISS!!!

I had to throw this in here just because it strikes me as the stress reliever everyone secretly wishes they had. If you are as single as it gets (like me) this is great to daydream about, and I'm sure it could help relieve stress too. It has been scientifically proven that kissing someone releases an enormous amount of endorphins and hormones to make you feel instantly relieved. So if you are lucky enough to have a significant other or some person that would actually come over on command to kiss, take advantage! Doesn't sound like the worst thing in the world that could happen during mid-term week!

arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
4. Bang Bang - Jessie J, Ariana
5. Anaconda - Nicki Minaj
6. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
7. Don't Tell 'Em - Jeremih Ft YG
8. Animals - Maroon 5
9. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
10. Break Free - Ariana Grande Ft. Zedd

top 10 albums

1. Bringing Back The Sunshine - Blake
2. 747 - Lady Antebellum
3. Partners - Barbra Streisand
4. heek to Cheek - Tony Bennet & Lady Gaga
5. Art Oficcial Age - Prince
6. The Big Revival - Kenny Chesney
7. V - Maroon 5
8. Plectrumelectrum - Prince & 3rdeyegirl
9. X - Chris Brown
10. No Sound Without Silence - The Script

box office

1. Gone Girl
2. Dracula Untold
3. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
4. Annabelle
5. The Judge
6. The Equalizer
7. Addicted
8. The Maze Runner
9. The Boxtrolls
10. Left Behind

upcoming releases

1. Wrong Turn 6
2. The Scribbler
3. The Fluffy Movie
4. Snowpiercer
5. Earth to Echo
6. Sex Tape
7. Life After Beth
8. The Purge: Anarchy
9. White Bird in a Blizzard
10. Good People

FIRST YEAR READ BOOK REVIEW

The First Year Read has received mixed responses from the class of 2018

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And The Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman
New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997, 355 pp., $15.00(paper), ISBN: 978-0-53340-3

Megan Suprenant
Voice Contributor

This past summer I read "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down" by Anne Fadiman for my first year English Composition 101 class. When I began reading it, I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed it. If I had to sum up what this book is about in one sentence, I would say it is a true story about the Hmong family; the Lees, who moved to the United States; and their daughter, Lia, who has been diagnosed with epilepsy. I am not a fan of reading and am very picky when it comes to books I am willing to read without complaint, but every day I was excited to open the cover and see what was going to happen next. In my opinion, this is an excellent book, and if you have the time I would urge you to pick it up.

I do, however, say this with some caution. This book will not interest everyone. It is for those of you who have a certain desire to learn about history, other cultures, and the world of medicine. I have a strong interest in those topics myself and perhaps this is why I was able to enjoy this book as much as I did. The strength behind The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down is its ability to introduce readers to the Hmong culture and raise awareness about the struggles they face when they come to America, specifically the conflict in healthcare between Western Medicine and Eastern Medicine. Although the book has some structural issues, it is definitely worth reading.

To be able to understand this story about the Lee family, you need to know whom the Hmong people are, where they come from, and their different beliefs and values. Luckily, Anne Fadiman is able to provide us with some of the background of the Hmong people throughout the book.

The Hmong people are from Laos, a place in South East Asia near Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. They live up in the mountains where they mastered the creation of a society without social classes and the ability to thrive while living a life that is self-sufficient.

Lamps and the sun were their source of light and most Hmong families spent their days farming their own land. The crop that Hmongs are best known for is opium. They did not use currency, so they used opium as a cash crop for trading with others when needed. They always seemed to be in a fight with the nations around them, but they have proven time and time again that they are strong warriors who are never willing to give up. The Hmong were a group who always stayed together and made sure to keep their culture and traditions alive. Unfortunately, Laos was destroyed during a war that was happening around them. Since it was impossible for anyone in Laos to stay neutral during the war, they decided to join forces with the United States.

The Americans felt responsible for what had happened to the Hmongs homeland and the repercussions the war had on their lives; they tried to help to ease the pain by giving them aid and even moved some of the Hmong people to the United States. Whenever someone moves to a place different from their home, they experience culture shock. The Hmong were now living in a place where people used electricity instead of lighting a lamp for light. Now if you wanted food, you went to a supermarket instead of growing it in your backyard. People dressed differently, spoke a different language, and lived a completely different lifestyle with different traditions and values.

Perhaps one of the greatest culture shocks for the Hmong people in America was the different methods used treat illness. The main character of this story, Lia Lee, is diagnosed with epilepsy, or as you would refer to it if you were Hmong, "the spirit catches you and you fall down." The American doctors who believe in western medicine would constantly argue with Lia's parents who wanted to treat her with eastern medicine, which is the treatment method that they used throughout their entire lives.

The doctors treating Lia wanted to run all different types of diagnostic tests and came to the conclusion to put her on different medications to see if they would be able to control the seizures, but her parents do not agree with them. They wanted to treat their daughter with the holistic treatments that they knew and trusted. These holistic treatments would consist of different herbal remedies and therapies, such as wearing an amulet filled with sacred healing herbs or inserting a silver coin into the yolk of a boiled egg, wrapping the egg in cloth, and rubbing it on the person's back until it absorbed the sickness.

There would also be healing ceremonies for Lia led by a shaman, a Hmong version of a doctor. They involve sacrificing animals and different prayers to dabs, or gods to heal her soul. This issue of which healing method to use was a constant struggle and eventually the disagreements became so great that they end up being handled in a courtroom.

When you read this book, you are going to begin to question which of the perspectives is right and which treatment methods should be used to treat both Lia and people in general. I have personally gone through some health issues and I do sometimes question what the doctors say; like why are they making me get so many X-Rays? Isn't too much radiation dangerous? While I was reading this book, I started to wonder whether I should consider different treatments. It also brings up questions about how doctors should deal with patients who either are not familiar with western medicine or people who have practiced different treatment methods their whole lives and consider eastern medicine the norm. Should doctors take into consideration how people have treated their illnesses in the past? Is there something that we can learn from other cultures about how to treat illness? They may have different ways and methods than we do, but we may be able to benefit from their knowledge.

Just like any other piece of writing, this one contains flaws. The most noticeable flaw is the way Fadiman structures the story. In the beginning, the flow of the story is wonderful. Fadiman is able to tie in the Lee's story seamlessly with the history and the ways of the Hmong culture. Then, towards the middle of the book, the flow starts to disappear. The story suddenly begins to jump around with one chapter discussing a historical battle the Hmong were involved in, and then the next goes back to the Lee's story. This back and forth pattern continues for the rest of the book.

Little snippets of Fadiman's own experiences while investigating this new culture and meeting Hmong people such as the Lee's are also sprinkled throughout the story. Sometimes what she adds from her own life enhances the story; yet, at other times, it starts to take away from the book. Although this is an issue, I definitely recommend that you try to power through the rough patches and make it all the way to the end. I believe this book is well worth it.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: Review on the First Year Read

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And The Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman
New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997, 355 pp., $15.00(paper), ISBN: 978-0-53340-3

Ben Stohr
Voice Contributor

The first time I picked up The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And The Collision of Two Cultures, I got through the first ten pages and put it down for another book. As an English major who enjoys reading, I have not struggled with required reads in the past. Unfortunately, this was not the case while reading this year.

Fadiman's winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award deserves its praises, but do not expect to see these praises from the majority of college kids. The book falls short as a first year read, but could be enjoyed when in the hands of individuals with interests in medicine, culture, and history. Even an avid reader like myself could not escape the painful tangents that characterized the likes of a textbook, although I was intrigued by the cultural struggles the Lee's faced regarding their epileptic daughter.

A fifty-dollar prime rib would not be impressive to a vegan, but to an individual with a passion for steak, it would be a lovely meal. It seems like this was my dilemma with the textbook aspect of the book that were utilized too often. Going with the metaphor, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And The Collision of Two Cultures was a critically-acclaimed historical and cultural dish with an award winning chef.

Unfortunately to my palette, accustomed to mostly fiction, I was not too impressed. From the time I started the book when I finished it, I had read two pieces of fiction and an autobiography all over 250 pages in length. In other words, I managed to work through almost 1,000 pages of different material before I could finally trudge my way through Fadiman's 300 or so pages. Most college students do not enjoy reading as much as I do, so I could only imagine the trouble they would have with this piece.

Unless a reader sees the title and immediately thinks that something in there was appealing, I would have to say the book is not for them. Students with cultural majors such as sociology or history might be pulled in by the "A Hmong Child... Collision of Two Cultures," and those interested in medicine might be intrigued by seeing a story about "...Her American Doctors." Adults with a huge interest in nonfiction or those who enjoy reading textbooks might also find the piece interesting.

Picking a first year read is far from simple, but a book with such a direct focus in a very uncommon interest seems like a strange and unsuccessful attempt at convincing students to spend their precious summer reading something required. As a result, on a small scale about three students in my English class actually finished this "required read."

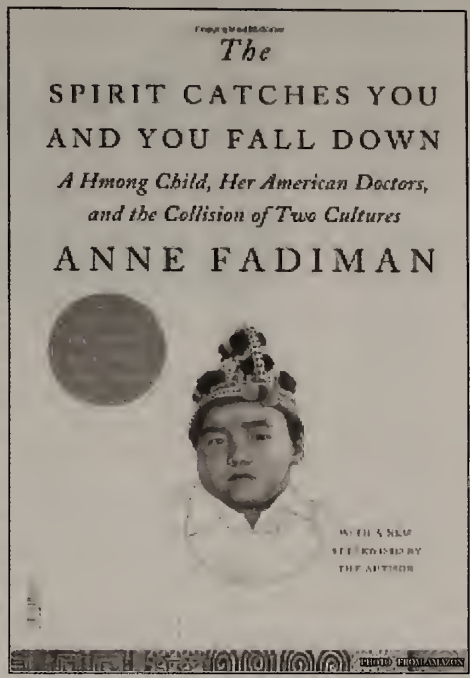
They say first impressions are everything, and when first put into my hands, I could assume The Spirit Catches You might be a long battle with a story completely out of my comfort zone. Quite possibly one of the longest titles I have ever seen, I was a little turned off by how much it had to say. I mean, Chuck Palahniuk did not title his bestseller Fight Club: a Story of a Man with a Sociopathic Alter Ego, a Crazy Girlfriend, and a Sinister Plan of Destruction, nor have any of my favorite authors gone into such depth. I did not see why a title of such length was necessary. To my surprise, Fadiman's title was effective in letting you know exactly what you have in your hand, but it was an early sign of problems to come.

Very early on in the story, there is a tale being told about how to make fish soup that gets a little drawn out to say the least. Fadiman then says, "If a Hmong tells a fable... he is likely to begin with the beginning of the world." That quotation in itself might as well have been the title, as the direction of the plot was often derailed and sent into a seemingly never-ending historical tangent.

The Lee's story of cultural struggles hooked my inner reader, but I would have been perfectly content with a focus on their clashes with western medicine and a small touch of necessary historical background. Instead, I was dragged through statistics, detailed overviews, and even lengthy footnotes. In fact, page 160 has a footnote extending half the page.

Keep in mind this was a footnote, something that was purely informative, written like an encyclopedia excerpt, and had no direct connection with the Lee's. Moments like this haunted the story from start to finish, constantly making me think I was reading a textbook instead of an award-winning piece of nonfiction.

In an unfortunate way, Fadiman's success as a researcher overshadowed her skills as a storyteller. I do have to say that if I strip away some of the major sethacks to the structure, I am left with a pretty compelling story. Fadiman follows a family that could have been cooked up in a fiction novel. An enormous group of fifteen living in a new country that contradicts



hundreds of years of Hmong culture is a pretty good place to find some conflicting material. When added with a baby struggling with epilepsy, something the parents see as a gift, and something their western doctors see as a life-threatening ailment, you get a large conflict, or a "collision of two cultures."

Even with all of the distracting tangents that pulled me away from the story, I still felt an emotional connection with the Lees, primarily the mother Foua, who as a mother was just trying to do what she thought was best for her child. In the midst of a blinding cultural harrier, including medical procedures and remedies, Lia's family was caught in a painfully difficult situation. One of the most powerful scenea for me was when Foua was pouring ancient remedies over baby Lia as a way of detoxing her of the American medicine.

Foua was doing this with such love; yet, it was the exact opposite of what Lia really needed. The storyline was a bit of a tease; just as I was hit with some text that really pulled me in, a tangent stopped my interest at a halt, often causing me to close the book in frustration and move on.

Contrary to popular belief, you can judge this book by its cover. Even with Fadiman's textbook-like tangents that pull you away from the plot, she still finds an interesting story to tell when put into the right reader's hands. I doubt Fadiman targeted college first year students who are used to reading Tweets that max out at 140 characters when she wrote this hook.

The author showcases her skills as a researcher constantly throughout, and critics with a love for nonfiction commended her for it, leaving her with awards and a spot as a national bestseller. But if any component of this comically lengthy title fails to intrigue you, do not open the book; however, if heavily historical nonfiction is your dish of choice, then this award-winning chef of an author and researcher may have cooked up just the literary meal for you.

KNOWING TO COOK

Lemons: The Versatile Citrus

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Allow me to paint you a picture: you are seated in a comfortable chair on the back terrace of a home perched at the top of a hill overlooking the rugged and mountainous shoreline of Italy's Amalfi Coast. Shading you from the sun is a large evergreen tree and the scent of lemons reaches your nostrils.

You look up and gaze upon the abundance of ellipsoidal yellow fruit growing from and weighing down the branches of the tree. You reach up and pluck a beautifully ripe lemon from its branch and, with a small knife, you slice into the lemon using its juice to spruce up your drink.

Since their first substantial cultivation in Genoa, Italy during the mid-15th century, lemons have been used in a multitude of ways, such as ingredients for cleaning agents and aromatherapy oils. But most importantly, the lemon has been put to its best use when utilized in a culinary setting.

The lemon is the most widely used and versatile citrus in the culinary world. It is used to make drinks, marinades, desserts, sauces, and can even be used as a preservative. The main characteristic associated with the lemon is its sour taste, which derives from the amount of citric acid found in the lemon's juice.

The sour taste is generally off-putting to those with sensitive palates. With the proper ingredients the sourness can be subdued, but it will always linger. It is the lemon's way of reminding you that it exists within the dish.

I adore lemons. I love the refreshing crispness and vivacity they bring to a meal or drink. The lemon can be surprisingly subtle and forthright at the same time.

For example, by just adding the zest of a lemon into a dessert, salad, or marinade, the smell is overwhelmingly pronounced, yet the taste is very subtle. I have not always been this affectionate towards lemons; in fact I despised them as a younger child.

The sourness seemed as though someone had assaulted my taste buds with a lightning bolt. However, as the years went by and I learned more about food, the lemon eventually found itself on my favorite ingredients list. I cannot imagine drinking water without a lemon wedge. It just adds a level of taste that awakens the palate.

Lemons are most commonly associated with two things: lemonade and lemon meringue pie. I adore both of these recipes but, much like the pumpkin, the lemon has become categorized and stereotyped with these two recipes in particular.

Recently, I have found that lemons work with a variety of different dishes, attributing to their versatility. I made a pasta dish over the weekend, the origin of which is the island of Sicily, that used lemon as its main ingredient. The recipe was so simple and elegant (two things you know I love) and so easy to make. It can be made in less than 15 minutes.

Since I will be including this pasta recipe at the end of this article, I won't go into detail about how it is made. Sufficed to say this dish was a triumph.

Perhaps it was a triumph because it was so easy to make, but I would like to think that the meal was a success because I took my time and focused. For any lover of lemons, I highly encourage you to try your hand at this dish. I'm certain you will love the results.

I will briefly mention the health benefits of the lemon. For years, lemons have been used as treatments for throat irritation, indigestion, fever, dental problems, obesity, respiratory issues, and high blood-pressure.

The health benefits of the lemon derive from the vitamin C, vitamin B, carbohydrates, phosphorous, and proteins contained within the juice of the lemon. By simply adding a few lemon wedges or a spritz of lemon juice to a glass of water, you have an almost immediate cure for indigestion.

Points being, instead of buying Pepto-Bismol or Tums, buy a bag of lemons. You could also drink a glass of lemonade if you can't handle the sourness, though the sugar content may upset your stomach further.

I know this is a cooking and food column, but there are certain foods whose health benefits must be acknowledged. Needless to say the lemon is a universally loved fruit with astonishing versatility. As always, I encourage you readers to be daring and try new things.

Try spritzing lemon juice on your fish or making ceviche (which is something I will be talking about at length very soon). Dare I suggest that you should try eating a lemon raw? Of course! That way the next time lemon appears in your meal it will not seem as sour to you. Trust me, it works.

Enjoy this recipe for Lemon-Basil Pasta!

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

LEMON-BASIL PASTA

Ingredients:
1 large lemon
Extra-Virgin Olive Oil
Parmesan Cheese
Basil
Pasta (fettuccine recommended)

Instructions:

- Bring a pot of water to boil. Add salt and throw in the pasta. Cook until al-dente.
- In a bowl combine the olive oil and cheese. Add the juice of 1 lemon. The ratio of lemon juice to olive oil should be 50:50. Mix together.
- Once the pasta is cooked, add it to the lemon mix and toss until the pasta is coated with the mixture.
- Garnish with basil.

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WESTFIELD STATE MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Mens XC wins Earley

Cross Country co-captain Mike Skelly placed 10th at 26:29 in the 8k Earley Invitational held at Stanley Park. The team won as a whole for the second straight season, giving them their 3rd first place finish in five races.

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State's men's cross country team defended its home turf in winning the 19th Annual James Earley Invitational at Stanley Park on Saturday.

Derik Noland led a tight group of Westfield State finishers in sixth place in 26:24. Mike Skelly placed 10th (26:29) Chris Williams 11th (26:31), Zak Gross 15th and Steve Connolly 17th to win the team title for the second straight year.

"Derik works so hard," said Devine of the Owls' top finisher. "He's a bit of a 'heavy runner,' the way his foot strikes. You can hear him coming when he runs, and he gives it everything he has."

Westfield finished with 55 points, leading in Williams (93), Vassar (126) and Southern New Hampshire (141) and University of New England (173).

"We stuck together like glue," said Owls head coach Bill Devine. "I picked up a big handful of dirt and grass before the race, and told them 'No one beats us on our turf.'"

""But that's what they do in practice – we run repeat miles and they take turns leading – the top 5-6-7 guys are all very close – each week is a little different."

In total, 37 teams and 389 runners competed in the race.

Williams College's Cole Townsend won the individual race with a time of 25:49 over the damp 8k course.

He separated himself from Siena's Tom Higgins and Babson's Mark Gulesian with about 200 yards left in the race to score the win.

The weather broke just as the men's race began, as the steady light rain of the morning gave way to filtered sunlight by the end of the race.

Westfield will next compete at the Connecticut College Invitational next Saturday, October 18. The Owls will host the ECAC Championships at Stanley Park over the same course on Nov. 8.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 10th
W VBall at Springfield College L 0-3
W VBall vs Vassar College L 0-3
Saturday, October 11th
W VBall vs Clarkson University L 0-3
M/W XC James Earley Invite M 1st/W 5th
M Golf at ECAC D-III Championships 10th of 22 teams
Field Hockey vs Framingham State W 2-0
Football at Framingham State L 28-7
M Soccer at Salem State L 2-3
W VBall vs Smith College W 3-1
Sunday, October 12th
W Golf at Wellesley College Invite 9th Place
Tuesday, October 14th
W VBall at Salem State W 3-1

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 17th
Field Hockey at Worcester State 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18th
M/W XC at Conn. College Invite 11:00 a.m.
W Soccer vs MCLA 11:00 a.m.
W VBall vs Mass. Maritime 11:00 a.m.
Football at Mass. Maritime 12:00 p.m.
M Soccer at MCLA 1:30 p.m.
W VBall vs. Pine Manor College 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21st
Field Hockey at Keene State 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22nd
M Soccer at RIC 6:00 p.m.
W VBall vs MCLA 7:00 p.m.

Fall Intramural Standings

AS OF WEDNESDAY OCT. 15

Women's Volleyball:
Bomb Squad 2-4
Ain't no volleyback girls 0-5

Men's Volleyball:
OGBC 4-3
You Lift Bro 8-0
I'd hit that 1-6
Bustin Bruins 3-4
TDMP 3-2
Bucks 2-3
United Forces 0-1
WH Drywaller 6-1

Flag Football: Skilled-East Division:
Octopus 4-2
OGBC 3-5
Screaming Seagulls 4-2
C Poppers 3-3
Boston's Finest 5-1
Dunkin D Heads 0-7
Dankinson Dark Squirrels 1-5

Skilled-West Division:
Back That Pass Up 6-1
Below Avg Andy's 3-4
Bucks 5-2
Carpet Cleaners 4-2
Scanlon Sloots 2-4
Deadbeat Creeps 1-6
Bad News Bears 1-2

Highly Skilled Division:
Team X 7-1
TDMP 4-2
Money Team 4-2
C Stunts 3-5
Space Monkey Mafia 2-3
49ers 2-7

Men's 3 v 3 Basketball: Highly Skilled:
Super Sonics 3-4
Splash Bros 7-1
TDMP 3-2
The Minions 3-4
OGBC 5-2

Skilled:
Heart over Height 4-2
Little Giants 2-5
Team ZNKJ 3-2
Zip Em up West 3-1
McBuckets 0-7
The Legends 2-5

1 Pitch Softball:
Hit it & Quit it League Champions

Framingham hands Owls first conference loss

WSU Athletic Department

Junior Tevin Jones (Springfield, Mass.) caught three touchdown passes from quarterback Matt Silva (Dracut, Mass.) as the Framingham State University football team defeated Westfield State University 28-7 in Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) action this afternoon at Bowditch Field.

Entering the game both the Rams and the Owls were undefeated in conference play and with the victory the Rams remain unbeaten at 4-0 in the MASCAC and improve 5-1 overall. The loss drops the Owls to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

The Owls defense allowed just 28 yards of total offense last week in a victory over Plymouth State, but today the Rams amassed 378 yards of total offense including 215 yards through the air against the conference's leader in pass defense.

The Rams defense allowed 197 yards of total offense in the game including just 77 yards on the ground. In the first half, the Rams held the Owls to just 55 yards of offense forcing five punts and turning the ball over one downs once with just four first downs.

Jones led the Rams with five catches for a season-high 137 yards with three touchdowns. Jones has eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark in back-to-back weeks for the Rams. Silva finished the day completing 12-of-25 pass attempts for 215 yards. Silva tossed touchdowns of 28, 13 and 63 yards all of which were caught by Jones and did not throw a pick. Sophomore Jalen Green (Brockton, Mass.) led the Rams ground attack with 148 yards on 19 carries with a 91-yard touchdown run. Green averaged 7.8 yards a carry in the game.

Westfield State quarterback Steve Guercio (Gardner, Mass) completed 12-of-37 passes for 117 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Senior Michael Mercadante (Wilbraham, Mass.) was held to just 68 yards rushing on 32 carries, while classmate Scotty Nye (Uxbridge, Mass.) had five catches for 29 yards and Sam Laurin (Chicopee, Mass.) caught the Owls lone touchdown.

The Rams grabbed the lead for good on the opening possession of the game as Silva led them on an eight play, 59 yard drive capped by his 28 yard toss to Jones in the end zone. The extra point was blocked giving the Rams the 6-0 lead.

The Owls had a chance to tie the score late in the first quarter after they received the ball on the Rams' 45 yard line after an extremely short punt. The Rams defense came through with a stop on fourth and two from the 23 as junior Guychard Samson (Lynn, Mass.) nearly intercepted Guercio.

Framingham State would get on the board again just before the half when Silva and Jones connected again for a 13 yard score. After Silva found Randall Kelleher (Swampscott, Mass.) in the end zone on the two point conversion, the Rams led 14-0 at the half.

Midway through the third quarter, Green took a pitch from Silva and broke free in the Owls secondary racing 91-yards to the end zone extending the lead to 21-0.

The Rams defense forced a fumble by the Owls that was recovered by senior Matt Mangano (Winchester, Mass.) on the two yard line setting up their final score of the day. Silva capped the seven play, 98 yard drive hitting Jones down the sideline from 63 yards out pushing the lead to 28-0 with 12 minutes left in the game. The Owls were able to get on the hoard on the next possession with a 10-play, 75 yard drive that was aided by four 15 yard penalties against the Rams. Guercio capped the drive with a two yard touchdown pass to Laurin.

The Rams defense was led by a team-high nine tackles from freshman Svenn Jacobson (Cumberland, ME). Mangano racked up eight tackles, all solo, with a tackle for a loss, a fumble recovery and two pass hreak ups, while senior Kevin Donahue (Norfolk, Mass.) also recorded eight tackles with two break ups.

The Owls defense was led by senior Julon McCoy (Gardner, Mass.) with a game-high 11 tackles including one for a loss. Classmate Troy Cutter (Lunenhurg, Mass) chipped in with nine tackles, while Jonathan Lytle (Wallingford, Conn.) recorded the Owls lone sack in the game.

The Rams enjoy their bye next weekend before heading on the road to Plymouth State for their next game on October 25th with kickoff at 12 p.m., while Owls travel to Massachusetts Maritime Academy next Saturday for a MASCAC tilt heginning at 12 p.m.

Owls take MASCAC Awards

WSU Athletic Department

Five Westfield State student athletes earned weekly honors from the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics Conference this week.

Sophomore goalkeeper Anne Stack (East Longmeadow/East Longmeadow, Mass.) was named women's soccer co-player of the week after posting back to hack shutouts against Elms and Salem State. She stopped seven shots as the Owls dueled to a 0-0 draw with Salem State on Saturday. She had a 1.20 goals-against average going into Wednesday's match at Western New England and has posted five shutouts this season for the 8-2-2 Owls.

Sophomore Derik Noland (Silver Lake/Kingston, Mass.) was named runner of the week after leading the Westfield State men's cross country team to the team title at the 19th Annual James Earley Invitational cross country meet hosted by Westfield State at Stanley Park. Noland ran a time of 26:24 over the 8k course and finished sixth overall in the 389 runner field.

Freshman Jessie Cardin (Sutton/Sutton, Mass.) earned women's runner and rookie of the week honors for the third time this season. She finished third individually at the 19th Annual James Earley Invitational cross country meet hosted by Westfield State at Stanley Park. Cardin ran 18:25 over the women's 5k course, helping the Owls to a fifth-place finish in the 47-team field that included two nationally ranked teams.

Freshman outside hitter Victoria Sutphen (Wachussett/Holden, Mass.) was named volleyball rookie of the week for the second time this year. Sutphen averaged 8.75 kills in a 1-3 week for the Owls, including 11 kills in a 3-0 setback to Vassar College and eight in the 3-1 win over Smith College.

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Five Westfield student-athletes took home MASCAC conference awards this past week. One of those five was Kendyl Haney for her 17 kills against Smith College on October 11th. The team won 3-1.

Junior outside hitter Kendyl Haney (Ashland/Ashland, Mass.) was named to the weekly honor roll after she averaged 9.3 kills in three matches for the Owls, including 17 kills in the 3-1 win over Smith College

Sports from Carlin's Couch:
Fights – Is fighting truly unsportsmanlike?

Matt Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

This week I would like to address a concern that has been on my mind ever since I figured out my team, the Boston Red Sox, were no where, not only this season, but what seems to be in seasons to come. However, I am not concerned over the Red Sox roster choices this week. I am, however, becoming more and more concerned with the ideal of proper "sportsmanship" that is so idealized by commentators and expect between athlete's in interactions.

I am not going to lie, there are certain situations that I expect to see a "lack of sportsmanship" that is, physical violence between two players. Normally in baseball I would expect benches to clear when a pitcher seems to be targeting opposing batters or a show boater hitting a ball and showing off to the fans on the way around. I draw on a few historical references that we as Boston fans would somewhat remember.

In 2004 the Red Sox hosted the New York Yankees at Fenway. After a rough start, falling behind 2-0; Boston Pitcher Bronson Arroyo ended up "drilling" A-Rod in the back with an inside fastball. A-Rod took special exception to the hit and started a little something with Arroyo (he dropped a couple of F-bombs on our poor boys).

Well, Varietek choose to do something and started one of the most famous brawls in Red Sox history. It has been hailed as a "fight for victory" the catalyst to the eventual break of an 80+-year curse on the Red Sox.

Now in technical terms, the two veterans of the game would be considered to be involved in "un-sportsman like conduct" and beyond that they would be subject to additional charges. However, from many videos there is no indication of any "booing" or negative feelings from the fans that are watching it. So I guess the real question is: Is an action un-sportsman like despite public opinion?

I feel as though there is a major difference between, say, a hockey fight which has become a variable within the game itself (basically the penalties are minimal except in the case of excessive fighting) and the opposite side of football where the players are expect to be "tough" and avoid situations to throw each other around more than usual.

Baseball, however, has a weird culture surrounding fights. There are situations where, clearly, the officials are providing a sort of "home field" advantage and players

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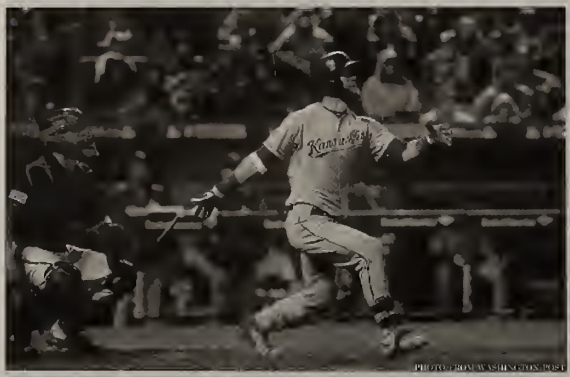
feel "sidelined" by the officials. These sorts of feels usual result in a bench clearing brawl or worse a brawl where even the fans potentially get involved.

However, I believe there is some good in the fights that breakout in sports. Most of it relieves the very stressful, almost hostile, environment that is created on game day. Although, I will say, despite the commission of the game endorsing, penalizing or integrating fighting into their seasons, players need to be mindful of their on field interactions and take responsibility for their actions.

Royals reach first World Series since 1985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The Kansas City Royals made the World Series for the first time in 29 years after their successful sweep of the Orioles on Wednesday night. They await the winner of the NLCS.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

If you told any Kansas City Royals fan two years ago that they would make the postseason, nevertheless the World Series, they would have laughed in your face, and frankly, nobody would blame them. Now, the Royals have made a legitimate run to the World Series for the first time in 29 years after their four game sweep of the Baltimore Orioles.

The Royals have been the surprise team this season, especially in the playoffs. The Royals crept their way into a Wild Card spot, making the cut by a mere two games. The Royals were unable to make the postseason last year despite winning 86 games and garnering their first winning season in 10 years.

Astonishingly, Kansas City has won all nine of their playoff games this season, including sweeps over the star studded Los Angeles Angels and Baltimore Orioles. Their first playoff game, in which they faced Jon Lester and the Oakland A's, was perhaps the closest they came to elimination.

In the game, the Royals rallied from a four run deficit in the eighth inning by scoring three runs in the eighth and one in the ninth to tie the game at 7-7.

In the twelfth inning, however, the Oakland A's scored first off an Alberto Callapso RBI single to give them an 8-7 lead. In a last minute effort, the Royals bounced back in dramatic fashion by scoring two runs, the second of off a Salvador Perez single to solidify the victory and an ALDS berth for Kansas City.

In the ALDS, the Royals continued the drama, winning their first two games in extra innings as well, both off 11th inning home runs by Mike Moustakas and Eric Hosmer. In doing so, they became the first team to win three consecutive extra inning postseason games, and the sixth team in Major League history to even play three extra inning games in a postseason. Even more interesting (and perhaps lucky for the Royals), all of these teams went on to win the World Series

The next game was in Kansas City, where the Royals easily defeated the Angels 8-2 in a game dominated by solid pitching and surprisingly better base running (Billy Butler stole his first base of the postseason, a feat which he has only been able to do five times in his major league career).

The Royals played even better against the weakened Baltimore Orioles, who clearly felt the absence of some of its best players. Manny Machado and Matt Wieters were unable to play due to injuries, and Chris Davis was still serving his 25-game suspension (of which he currently has six games left). The Royals easily took advantage of that, winning their first two games on the road (one of which was another extra inning thriller) before dismantling the Orioles in the final two games at Kaufmann Stadium.

What's been most impressive about this team this postseason is not that they excel in any one aspect of their play, but rather each player contributes when he can and steps up to the plate when they need to. As a whole, the Royals have obvious flaws on offense and pitching (especially relief), but overall have had the ability to overcome each deficit they've faced and defied the odds in doing so.

Now, with the Royals eagerly waiting to find out who will emerge from the NLCS to face them in the World Series, it looks like very few teams will be able to stop one of the most balanced teams in the majors.

Landon Donovan sent off the right way

Landon Donovan is the most celebrated soccer player in the history of American soccer. He is the national team record holder for goals and assists with 57 and 58 respectively. He also holds the MLS record for career goals and assists. He made the sport more popular in the U.S. than anyone could have imagined

East Hartford, Connecticut has not seen a crowd the size of 36,265 since the UConn football team hosted the Michigan Wolverines in 2013, selling out the stadium and temporary seats reaching 42,704. As it any sport, the idea coaches preach most is that it is not how you start, but how you finish.

This summarized Landon Donovan's last minutes as a United States Men's National Team player, along with the entirety of Landon Donovan's career with the international squad.

The stands stood half empty during the National Anthem and kick-off and the first goal was missed by many of those still shuffling into the stadium and trying to find their seats. He started with few people in the proverbial stands and finished Friday night and his career to a packed house and a standing ovation.

But as the first half carried forward, the stands filled up and the cheers roared throughout the quite East Hartford neighborhood across the street. After one saved shot and another off the post, Donovan, the captain in his last game, was subbed for the likes of Joe Corona and left the field with hugs from his teammates and a standing ovation from a crowd in awe.

He facilitated the growth of American soccer more so than any other player that can before him or has come after him. The U.S. international record holder with 57 goals and 58 assists has brought the MLS from a few failed teams from folding to an organization with average attendances that exceed those of the NBA and NHL. He helped to attract international superstars like David Beckham, Thierry Henry, and David Villa while also helping to keep U.S. players like Clint Dempsey, Michael Bradley, and Jermaine Jones playing their club soccer on their home soil.

Donovan is not the worldwide star that LeBron James, Lionel Messi, or Sydney Crosby are. He is, however, the star that U.S. soccer deserved, but the one that was never truly appreciated. Donovan grew at the same rate as the sport, which was a blessing and a curse to him and fans. The work that he put in to advance U.S. soccer was overlooked because of the lack of attention that the sport demanded in the early 2000s.

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

His goal against Algeria in the 90' of the 2010 World Cup was the most memorable play of his career and capped off all that he had done to bring the United State to that point. That is why being cut from the 2014 World Cup team by Jürgen Klinsmann was so alarming to fans, media, and U.S. players alike. Just as the country seemed to be at an all-time high of appreciation for soccer, the most recognizable figure in national team history was gone.

It was difficult to truly appreciate all that Donovan did for American soccer as it was happening because he lit the fuse. As he continued to play and inched closer to the end of his career, soccer seemed to ony be just starting. He has filled his role and will now pass the reign on to the next soccer superstar to bring the sport, as he did, to heights never imagined

He started his career as a phenomenal player that not many paid much attention to and ended his career at the peak of a 10-year advancement of U.S. and MLS soccer. He finishes his career with more World Cup goals than anyone in CONCACAF history and, should retire with the most MLS Cup victories of all time with six. He also holds the record for most career MLS goals and assists earlier this year.

The game itself was barely on the back of anyone's mind as everyone from the sky box seats to Bob Ley and Alexi Lalas wanted to give Donovan a proper send off.

The American Outlaws, an organization that follows the USMNT to their different matches, helped to drive those that needed a ride to the game and led the cheers in sections 109 through 112, the same sections as the UConn student section. Tbeir mission to "support the United States National Soccer Teams through a unified and dedicated group of supporters, thus creating a community locally and nationally to Unite & Strengthen U.S. Soccer fans from all parts of this country" was demonstrated to perfection.

After his substitution, Donovan sat on the United States bench with his warm-up jacket and wore his signature half-smile each time the cameras showed him on the big screen, summarizing the bittersweet moment to perfection. After receiving his framed jersey that contained a fragment of all the U.S. jerseys he has worn in the past, Donovan made rounds around the stadium saluting fans.

He finished with an interview with ESPN and entered the stands to lead the "I Believe That We Will Win" chant. Those words have more meaning today than anyone could have imagined even five years ago. From the bleach blonde Eminem hair to a balding 32 year old star, Landon Donovan has always been, whether he knew it or not, a U.S. soccer Legend.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 19):
Quitters never win and winners never quit. However, there are no wins in store for you at your current job. The stars suggest you quit

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
It's time to start confiding in a therapist because your friends are sick of hearing about your problems.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Your life has become too bland. Time to pick up knitting and bingo for a hobby.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Stay away from all Tauruses who have consistently tormented you in the past.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
That new love interest in your life is about to go incredibly wrong. Stick with this person; you need some trauma and betrayal to spice up your life.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
Stop biting your tongue when you find yourself in an argument. If you don't, you'll be taking a trip to the doctor for tongue stitches very soon.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Your life has been going very smoothly lately. Almost too smoothly...

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
An unexpected guest will turn up at your house this week. Keep your front door bolted and your windows shuttered.

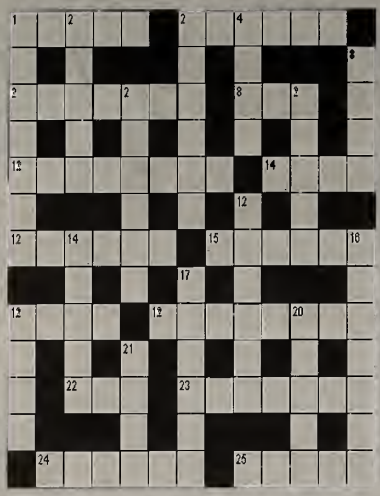
Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Do not make that extravagant purchase that you've been contemplating making. Your bank account is about to take an unexpected turn for the worse.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Keep your chin up! You're beautiful on the inside no matter what the masses say!

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
The stars are sensing that you're itching to go out on a limb this week. Don't. The tree branches are not as strong as they appear to be.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars predict that there is nothing in store for you this week Pisces! I strongly suggest that you liven up your life.

games & leisure



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6. Italian rice(7)
8. Consume (5)
10. Type of lobster (8)
11. Used to season and preserve food(4)
13. Sampled(6)
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18. Aromatic leaves (4)
19. Thick syrup (8)
22. Cereal grass (3)
23. Pear-shaped tropical fruit (7)
24. Type of cake (6)
25. Very thin pancake (5)

DOWN
1. Downy fruit(7)
2. Shaped and dried dough (5)
3. Game bird(6)
4. Kitchen appliance (4)
5. Open pastry with fruit filling (4)
7. Sticky candy(6)
9. Heated bread (5)
12. Edible tuber (6)
14. Sweetner(5)
16. Cooked meat or fish coated in egg and breadcrumbs and fried (7)
17. Thick soup(6)
18. Cook slowly in liquid (4)
20. Large edible ray (5)
21. Vegetable(4)

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Dickinson Hall president updates the Senate on response to Monday's incidents

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The buzzing rumor mill was put to rest by Aaron Silvia, president of Dickinson Hall, in reference to the two incidents that occurred there on Monday.

He said he wanted to put rumors to rest and clarify on what really happened in Dickinson Hall.

Silvia said the first alarm was caused by a faulty sprinkler system due to a pipe bursting. This occurred at 4:15 a.m., and students were not permitted back inside the building until around 8:15 a.m., he said.

"The maintainers really took it to heart and worked really hard and quickly to fix the problem and clean up people's halls," Silvia said. He said only minor property damages occurred with a couple ceiling tiles, posters, and students' clothing getting wet.

Silvia said the second alarm occurred at 9:23 p.m. due to a fire incident. He said, "An investigation is currently underway regarding the second incident, so I am not allowed to say any more during this event."

He said Residential Life would provide details as they become available.

Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, asked Silvia if the Dining Commons opened early for the students to go somewhere away from the early morning cold. He said Jon Conlogue, executive director of Residential Life and Dining Services, asked the DC personnel to open at 6:30 a.m. They had granola bars, muffins, donuts, and coffee, he said.

Christopher Charest, president of Scanlon Hall, asked how Residential Life is dealing with all of the damages to students' electronic devices from the flooding. Silvia said that Residential Life mentioned that they were going to try to pay for 75 percent of the damages and then let insurance handle the rest.

The rest of the meeting was business as usual for the senators. Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, welcomed the first guest speaker Brian Conz, assistant professor of geography and regional planning, who spoke to the SGA about the civic engagement initiative in the university as well as getting their thoughts and advice moving forward with civic engagement.

He said he took on the job as faculty liaison to civic engagement last year and inherited a budget that came from a three-year performance incentive grant. He defined what civic learning was to the SGA and stated it as the process of coming to understand the social, economic, and political reality of our democratic communities within the realm of doing service.

Conz said with the grant money there have been twenty new or substantially revised courses. He said this is the time where different faculty department members bring forth new proposals to make classes have a civic engagement concentration within the original curriculum.

He also said the Civic Engagement Committee is working to provide financial support to students who wish to go on study abroad programs that are explicitly for civic engagement.

"We are concerned that we are not just out there doing charity. We do not want to reinforce among students this sense that we in high education are privileged experts that can only bestow expertise to the community," Conz said.

He said the winners in civic engagement are the students because they get to apply what they are learning in class to a real world context. Conz also added that the grant money was used to fund retreats for faculty members who teach civic engagement courses last June.

The last issue Conz brought up was about having a civic engagement office on campus. The office would be a place where students could have questions answered, faculty could receive guidance about civic engagement principles, and the program could be administered.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, asked Conz if the civic engagement director position went through, when it would start, and under which committee it would be placed.

Conz said it would make sense to have it with faculty and students in a committee, but some other schools adopted a person as just a liaison between different groups within the community. He also said that next fall semester would be when an office might surface on campus, but it may take more time.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, stated that it would be prudent to make more common core classes have a civic engagement aspect to them rather than upper major cores because they restrict other students who want to take civic engagement classes.

After Conz was finished speaking, Susan LaMontagne, dean of student affairs, went to the podium after a four-week absence and welcomed all the new senators for the first time. She said she was very glad to see students engaging themselves as senators during discussions and hopes they will get to know their constituents better as well as visit her and Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, when they can.

DiVico announced that 249 people have voted on the referendum about student participation on university governance committees.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said that the smoking gazebos areas now have metal trashcans and that picnic tables, and new chairs are being scheduled to be added sometime in the near future.

Clark also said he received responses online from regular smokers saying the graffiti on them is creative and deserves to be there, but he said there are more offensive tags on them than creative ones so they all have to come off.

He said one comment he received said Public Safety was encroaching on their rights, but he said the officers are doing their job to make sure policies are being followed, such as banning marijuana on campus gaze-

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Student Security volunteers at Run Stanley

Members of the Student Security force met at 7 a.m. to help set up for Run Stanley.

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WSU celebrates National Sustainability Day by annoucing new initiatives and policies

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Sustainability is alive and well at Westfield State University.

National Campus Sustainability Day was celebrated by the university on Wednesday, which was kicked off by an email by Kimberly Tobin, interim vice president of administration and finance.

Praising the action taken so far, Tobin went over the many initiatives that the university is involved in to expand their sustainability efforts. Tobin reported that the work of previous committees on sustainability has been reviewed and resulted in an advisory committee being reconstituted. Members for the committee have begun to be found.

According to the email and corroboration by the university website, the solar panels that were installed in 2011 have produced 424,078kWh, which has saved $57,000.

The solar panels were installed on the top of Bates and Wilson Halls. Because of the installation of the panels, the university received a $59,000 grant to invest in other sustainability projects.

It was also reported that two grants were received by the university to update lighting. The Regional Green House Initiative grant, which amounted to $50,000, and the Westfield Gas & Electric Green Opportunities grant, which amounted to another $50,000, will be used to update lighting in "the Woodward Center, Parenzo Gym, and some light posts," according to the email. The biggest news of the email came with the report that the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance coordinated with the university to launch the Accelerated Energy Project.

This project aims at replacing inefficient equipment across the campus with equipment that is supposed to provide energy savings.

There is an initial investment of $1.9 million on the part of the university with $2.9 million provided by DCAMM. The upfront costs incurred by the university are supposed to be repaid in the form of energy savings.

Potential replacements that could be made would be upgrades to lighting, boiler equipment, HVAC upgrades, and connecting Juniper Park to the Power Plant.

Other efforts include adding bike repair stations, expanding locally sourced food options in the Dining Commons, and replacing bottled water systems.

Adding to the sustainability efforts made to campus facilities and processes, a community garden is to be built behind the Horace Mann Center next to the existing garden that is being maintained by Prof. Henry Wefing, professor of communication.

Profs. Henry Wefing, Tim Ledoux, and Brian Conz are working to build the garden, which will be open to any member of the community who wishes to have a plot.

news from other schools

daily collegian

University of Mass. Amherst

Members from Students for a Free Tibet, Amnesty International and the International Tibet Network gathered in front of the Student Union to support the pro-democratic resistance in Hong Kong, and to protest the Chinese government for its aggressive responses to the peaceful demonstrations. Th rally was led by led by Elliot Jerry, president of the Students for a Free Tibet.

daily orange

Syracuse University

Starting next semester, Syracuse will start a pilot program to put heat lamps at two campus bus stops. Members of Student Association met with SU administrators and the Department of Energy Systems and Sustainability Management to discuss details of the lamps. The organization wants to install heat lamps in bus stops across campus that would "keep our students warm and frostbite free."

harvard crimson

Harvard University

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences is likely to adopt a new concentration in "Theater, Dance, and Media" to begin enrolling undergraduates in fall 2015, University officials announced on Monday. The proposed concentration, which will require FAS approval following a curricular review, will launch thanks to $5 million of seed funding provided by University President Drew G. Faust from her discretionary funds.

CAMPUS-WIDE GOVERNANCE

Students vote in referendum to leave their voice on governance committees

Students will return to governance committees, says the tentative results of a vote taken by the student body on the issue.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the Student Government Association, announced at Tuesday's Senate meeting that out of the 249 respondents to the vote, which was done through Survey Monkey, 244 responded saying that they were supportive of students returning to governance committees.

2.1% of the respondents said no.

The vote is required due to new contract ratified by the Westfield State chapter of the Massachusetts State College Association.

A new vote needs to be retaken each time that the MSCA contract is newly ratified.

Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life and member of the All-University Committee, was supportive of the referendum.

"I think that the student voice on governance committees is absolutely necessary. At the end of the day, everything that passes through governance affects the students," he said.

He added, "There are many examples that I can think of when the student voice had an impact on a decision that the AUC was considering, and I know the same is true for the other governance committees."

The specific governance committees that are outlined in the MSCA contract that are immediately affected are the All-University Committee, Academic Policies Committee, Curriculum Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee.

The ad-hoc and special committees would be affected too, but the aforementioned are where the student voice would be impacted the most if the vote went the other way.

Meetings of these committees are open to the public. For more information on all of the aforementioned committees except for the Student Affairs Committee, those interested can contact Academic Affairs in Parenzo.

For more information on the Student Affairs Committee, please contact Student Affairs in Ely.

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bos.

Clark also dismissed the rumor that undercover students are acting as spies in the gazebos saying hilariously, "There are no 'narcs' in the gazebos."

Shannon Cullinane was asked by Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015, what was the progress of finding an artist for the spring weekend concert. Cullinane said no specifics are in place yet, but Hip-Hop is the preferred choice of genre right now.

One of the last issues of the SGA dealt with on their agenda was the Finance Committee's first proposal to be recommended by the SGA of the 2014/2015 academic year.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, motioned to allocate $140 to the Intervarsity Christian Group to cover $7 shipping cost for twenty "action packs" that will go to Syria to help the refugees under stress from the ISIS terrorist group.

Landry asked Haley Batchelder, representative from the Intervarsity Christian Group, what organization the package is going through to get the families.

Batchelder said that it goes through a nonprofit called The Voices of Martyrs and that the club assembles the basic supplies to put in the box.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian and representative-at-large, asked Batchelder what the group has done for fundraising.

She responded that fundraising is not part of their main focus because faith is the main aspect.

Batchelder also said the club was formed last year and had a few fundraising events throughout the year. Carlin added that the club did have fundraising money in their accounts.

When the allocation was brought to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

corrections & clarifications

In our Oct. 10 issue, Supplemental Instruction is incorrectly defined in the article, "Supplemental Instruction program begins on campus." In the last paragraph, it is referred to as a club, whereas in fact it is a separate program that is led by Cassondra Gendron and Rebecca Sackett. This is due to an editorial oversight.

In the Oct. 17 issue, Ryan Caulfield incorrectly stated in his article, "SGA continues momentum with lively agenda at Tuesday's Senate meeting," that the new science center has "been officially 100% paid off by the university." While it is true that the board of trustees allocated the last chunk of money to the project from the reserves, the building still needs to be "paid off." This is due to an editorial oversight.

In the Oct. 17 issue, Thomas Convery's name is incorrectly spelt "Connery" in the article "Homecoming is almost here!" This is due to an editorial oversight.

If you would like to make corrections or clarifications to The Westfield Voice, please send them to Matthew Carlin, assistant managing editor and corrections editor, at mcarlin6141@westfield.ma.edu.

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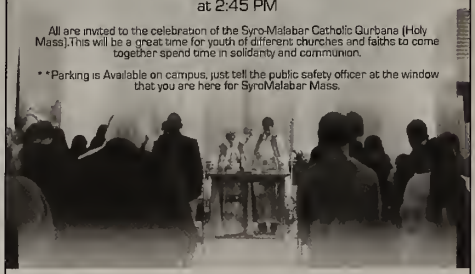

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MASSPIRG registers over 500 students to vote at Westfield State University

From Press Release

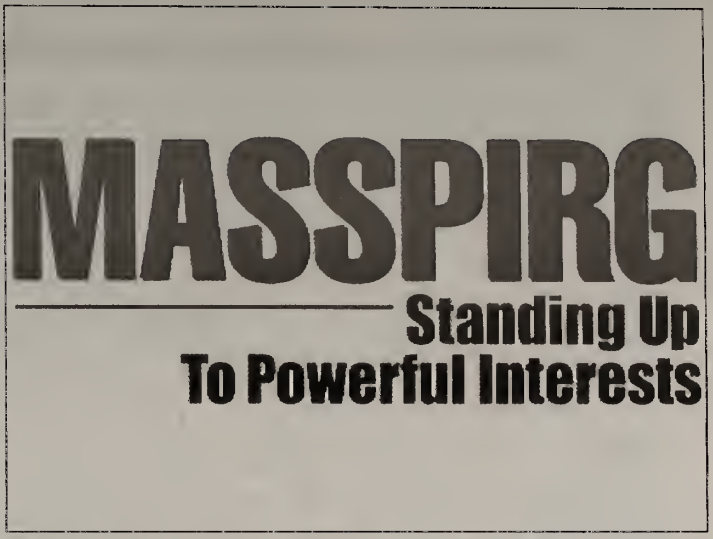
As local registrar offices close for the final day of voter registration in Massachusetts, MASSPIRG turned in their last forms for this fall's drive, in total registering 545 students to vote at Westfield State University.

"I believe that our generation can make an impact but only if we all vote together", said Erika Hayden, the New Voters Project Campaign Coordinator. "I know that the problems facing our generation can seem difficult to fix, but I'd rather be a part of the solution than sit on the sidelines.

That's why I've been working with MASSPIRG to help students here at WSU register to vote."

Over the drive leading up to the deadline, more than 40 volunteers helped to register voters all over campus.

MASSPIRG even gave away "vote-meal cookies" to help raise awareness of the voter registration deadline and make sure students were registered for the upcoming mid-term election.



MASSPIRG's voter registration effort is part of their New Voters Project campaign, one of the largest non-partisan youth voter mobilization efforts in the country.

The Student PIRGs' New Voters Project has run peer-to-peer student voter mobilization drives to turn out the youth vote on college campuses for more than 25 years.

The New Voters Project does not endorse, either explicitly or implicitly, a political candidate or political party for elected office. This year in Massachusetts, MASSPIRG's New Voters Project helped to register over 7,200 students to vote.

crime log

On Oct. 16, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:50 p.m. at Lansdowne Place. It was referred to Student Conduct.

Another liquor law violation occurred at 11:44 p.m. that same day in Scanlon Hall. It was also referred to Student Conduct.

A larceny occurred on Oct. 17 between 7 and 11 p.m. in Ely 313. It is under investigation.

A liquor law violation occurred on Oct. 17 at 7:15 p.m. in Lammers Hall. It was referred to Student Conduct.

Another liquor law violation occurred on Oct. 17 at 9:03 p.m. on Parenzo Road. A trespass notice was issued.

A third liquor law violation occurred on Oct. 17 at 10:57 p.m. at Lansdowne Place. It was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 18, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:11 a.m. at Davis Hall. It was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 19, a liquor law violation and citation for disorderly conduct was issued at 12:29 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. An arrest was made.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

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from the voice vault

This article was published in the February 24, 1992 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Faculty profile on Prof. Wefing

by Laura Owens

Prof. Henry Wefing, English professor at Westfield State College, said he misses newspaper work sometimes but likes WSC very much and is happy here.

Wefing grew up in Kearney, New Jersey which is a mix of city and suburb.

He attended St. Peter's Prep. and St. Peter's College both in Jersey City. Wefing was an English major in college.

Kearney is 45 minutes from New York City so Wefing said much of his social life was focused around the city.

Wefing's father, now 89, was a newspaper man who also worked for CBS as a writer and editor.

His mother, 87, is a homemaker and both his parents live in the house that the English professor grew-up in.

Wefing has one brother, John, who is two years younger then him. John is a professor at Seton Hall Law School.

He got married in 1965 the day after his wife, Barbara graduated from Mt. Holyoke College after studying history. By the wedding, Wefing had a masters in English from Duke. His wife went on to get a masters of arts in teaching.

She decided she didn't like teaching secondary school and when their children, Laura and Eric got older, she went to the University of North Carolina to become a nurse.

Wefing worked at many newspapers. In New Jersey, he worked for several papers: The Herald-News, Bayon, and the Jersey Journal.

In North Carolina, he worked for the Durham Morning Herald from 1975 to 1985. During his time there, he worked as an education reporter and editor, business editor, and editorial writer.

He took a year out of newspaper work and edited a quarterly magazine for the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.

In 1985, his children were going North to college and Wefing saw an ad for Westfield State College. He moved up here and took the job.

His children attended Williams College and Amherst College.

Laura, 25,who attended Williams graduated from Law School last year.

Eric,24, studied Biology at Amherst is doing graduate work at the University of Virginia in architecture.

Both children were athletes in college and were interested in music. Wefing plays a trio with them, he plays piano, his daughter plays the violin and his son plays the cello.

Wefing is also interested in sports. He plays intramural basketball on the faculty/staff team. He also competes in triathalons with his children and was the captain of the tennis and soccer teams in college.

Wefing has a big interest in gardening. He said he grows everything. In North Carolina they had a farm with a pony, mule and chickens. He said he would like to farm someday.

This article was published in the October 9, 1968 issue of Westek.

WSC To Send Students To Mexico

Dr. Robert Brady, Chairman of the History Department, and Dr. Robert Saisi, Head of the Secondary Education Department, have announced the establishment of a teacher-student exchange program with Puebla, Mexico.

The program is an outgrowth of President Leonard J. Savignano's trip to Latin America last Spring.

Other Westfield State personnel involved in the program are Dr. Loretta McHugh, Chairman of the Elementary Education Department, and Dr. Winston B. Keck, Dean of the Graduate School and Continuous Education Program.

Student Exchange

The teacher-student exchange is part of the federal sponsored "Student Exchange on Comparative Cultures." Dr. Brady and Dr. Saisi were appointed by Dr. Savigoano to coordinate efforts with the Lexington High School, Lexington, Mass. Lexington representatives include Rudolph Fobert, Superintendent of Schools, and Helen I. McIntyre, Head of the Social Studies Department.

According to Dr. Saisi, those students who are selected will do their practice teaching in the Lexington system in the last eight-week period of Spring 1969. Upon completion of their practice teaching they will spend five weeks in Puebla, Mexico.

Dr. Brady added that those chosen to participate in the program would be given the necessary preparation and instruction in Mexican culture. During their practice teaching they would instruct some 20-25 Lexington students in these areas and the students would accompany the Westfield juniors to Puebla. In Mexico, the participants would live in individual homes while experiencing Mexican culture firsthand.

Pilot Program

Both Dr. Brady and Dr. Saisi stressed that this is a pilot program and that no selections have been made to date. They urged all interested juniors to contact them for further information. Because of the nature of the program as it is presently established, only History majors on the secondary level can be accepted to participate.

Dr. Brady stated that all participants will be given instruction in Spanish and added that potential candidates with some background would be preferred. But he also said that the language was not a requirement for consideration.

Dr. Saisi expressed hope that the program will be expanded to include other disciplines and countries. He also urged freshmen and sophomores who might be interested in the program when they become juniors to contact him.

MEETINGS

Meetings for the exchange program began last April and have continued to the present. It is also expected that the University of the Americas will send practice teachers to Lexington in the Fall of 1969.

Dr. Brady and Dr. Saisi noted that Westfield State was one of five colleges and universities in the United States chosen to participate in the federal program.

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opinions & editorials

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

New York Times drops a bombshell to the US media: WMDS found in IRAQ

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Well folks, I believe it is only fair that the Conservative View informs the campus of the events of last week.

The New York Times dropped one of the biggest bombshells in the US news media history. Last Tuesday the New York Times reported that between 2004 and 2011 roughly 5,000 chemical warheads were found in Iraq left behind from pro-Hussein forces. In some cases, soldiers were actually wounded by these same chemical weapons that were "never there."

I am going to try my best to avoid sounding like a conspiracy theorist or some radical nut job, but I believe it's time to reevaluate our hostile view of the previous war. The Times however would like to say that "the discovery of these chemical weapons do not support the government's invasion rationale." Point to the UN inspectors' report saying there was no evidence to support "Mr. Bush's claim" that there were WMDs in Iraq.

Alexa Coombs from The Political Insider points out U.N. Resolution 1441, adopted in Novemher of 2002, which stated "concern about an active WMD program." This is a point that was well hidden from the American public, and a concern for historians when reviewing the war itself. There was a concern that the WMDs found during the Iraq War were actual WMDS left over from the 1991 Gulf War which Iraq refused to disarm and even kicked out UN inspectors between 1998 and 2002.

Now despite the fact that these WMDs were mostly left over from previous wars, I don't want any radical of the sides to exaggerate. The weapons WERE there, they were/still are operational and are still a threat to not only our forces in the Middle East hut also to the security forces of Iraq and neighboring countries like Iran.

I personally would like to apologize for the comments I have previously made against form President George W. Bush. Since the outhreak of the story, many soldiers from previous Iraq deployments went on records of the wounds they suffered and the actual weapons they saw on active duty.

One Sgt. Jarrod L. Taylor joked about "wounds that never happened" as reported by Eagle Rising. The sergeant was referring to the massive amount of mustard shells that were found across the country. Mustard shells are essentially explosive devices that literally burn when the chemical interacts with organic material.

Gabriel Malor at Ace of Spades HQ reports and reminds everyone on the true objectives of the Iraq War.

1. Iraq was reeistant to the disarmament of their chemical weapons

2. Iraq had amhition to arm themselves once more with more significant chemical weapons.

3. Terrorists and their organization that were thriving in Iraq must be hrought to justice.

So, in reality, who was wrong, and who was right? Bush claimed that there were WMDs in Iraq when justifying an invasion, however, hoth he and his administration purposefully hid information regarding the finds of the WMDs.

Why would a President who was shamed and forever insulted by the lack of evidence allow such evidence to remain secret from the American public?

For some of the left wing nut jobs out there, a common theme of "too little to late" has heen a wide spread Twitter hashtag since the story hroke last week.

I would refute this almost childish response to the same vigor they used when attacking the Bush administration and the consistent effort used when proclaiming Obama the true victor in the Iraq-Afghanistan War. The United States by our own standards has heen proved justified in the initial invasion and has since been ahle to successfully remove chemical weapons from hoth Iraq and potential terrorists.

Before I end this article however, I would like to ask if this whole situation seems familiar to anyone.

For the past few weeks I have mainly focused on the escalations of Syrian conflict. The reason why I am bringing this up now is to draw the line from Bush to Ohama in chemical weapons in the Middle East.

Ohama last year was fought hard on the Syrian crisis over the Assad regime's use and stockpile of chemical weapons. Now I reported to the campus on how Syria had secreted away a couple chemical weapon factories and apparent weapons (which they had used again). Both sides of the aisle are clamoring for action with the revelations that Syria had not only lied hut made a display with smoke and mirrors of its own chemical weapons program.

Ohama has just gotten the same situation ss Bush, the only difference? The international media got a hold of the new evidence hefore anyone could hide it.

If you are looking for a little timeline/slightly more radical view on the event I would cautiously point you to the National Review Online's Deroy Murdock, who had claimed to he covering the findings of WMDs since 2004.

For a more leftist view on the who ordeal go to the Wonkette, a satirical left wing online magazine, where you will find "wonderful" commentary on both President bush's "weapons receipts" and "Sith Lord Cheney's" remark during the war.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Feminism can solve more problems than you might think

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

"They told me, 'you were always different, but we liked you all the same,'" said Doctor Shoba Sharad Rajgopal thinking back to the conversations she had with her college friends.

They were pictured on her desk in black and white all in traditional Indian garb: saris draped over their shoulders and dots painted perfectly in the center of their brows—and there was 19-year-old Rajogpal seated with them, dressed in a slightly oversized t-shirt, pants, and plain sneakers, smiling slightly.

"I was even in an all girl rock band, helieve it or not," she laughed.

Rajgopal is a professor here at Westfield State University. She speaks five languages: English, French, Hindi, Malayalam, and Tamil.

She has traveled the world as an international journalist for seven years and is one of the pioneering women of India to lead as a news anchor. She has worked with news agencies such as CNN international and PBS.

"I always wanted to teach, but I felt like I needed to experience more of the world first and I loved journalism, it was a bit of a tug-of-war for me for some time," Rajgopal continued, "I love working with the students and discovering new things, what other job could pay you do to do all of that?"

Rajgopal grew up in a very liberal family in India and said she has considered herself to be a feminist since the age of 13.

"From the time I was a kid I looked around and realized it just wasn't fair. Plain and simple," Rajgopal said.

She said the turning point was when she read a book by Germaine Greer called The Female Eunuch, which dissected the idea of a damsel in distress and girls who are waiting for a Prince Charming and mocke other ideae of romanticism that are impressionable for girls at an early age.

Rajgopal also said that feminism is one of the key solutions to social, economical, and political problems—that as people we are all linked to each other and the problems we face.

In the last decade, Rojgopal said that the world has made great strides in improving the lives of women and their families, but the US has neglected to maintain the rights women have won over and has not done enough to create more equal opportunities.

"There is more war, displaced people, broken families, refugees due to climate change and violence," Rajgopal noted.

One of her major concerns is that women have been bearing the hrunt of these issuee. They assume a domestic role in a lot of cases. While taking care of their families, they may face unemployment, poverty, and hunger because they are not supported enough.

"They forget it [feminism] and then they don't connect the dots with the all the other problems we have." Rajgopal continued, "I'm not feeling hopeful. I'm more than disappointed, and I am very concerned".

Without support for women in the workplace or at home in a variety of ways, families fall apart, and that stems out to other issues which affect us all.

Rajgopal also eaid that voting is critical in making changes. "Women fought for more than 70 years for that right, we cannot let those brace women down."

Rajgopal has been running the feminist fair since she first came to campus, and it was brought back by popular demand from students.

Rajgopal said that she is happy that students are interested in creating equal opportunity for women but says there is a lot of room for improvement.

Rajgopal said that feminism is still as important as it was one hundred years ago because it is still badly needed across the globe.

The annual fall student organized Feminist Fair will be running Oct. 28 and 29 this semester and I encourage everyone to stop by and admire the students' hard work and efforts to raise equality for women not just here at Westfield State, but everywhere.

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from the editor's desk

Parenzo Gym needs to be open later on weekends

Campus police are hired to protect students and enforce the law. It is a well-known fact that students at most, if not all, campuses around the United States, party and drink on weekends and Westfield State is no exception.

As campus police try to prevent students from drinking too heavily or causing physical damage to campus or downtown property, they must also try to prevent alcohol and drugs from being brought onto campus. The campus p.d. have created a safe and enjoyable learning environment and have helped to keep students safe when they are enjoying their college life outside of class.

Friday and Saturday nights are the busiest for the campus p.d. and they are focused on handling student conduct issues while also aiding students that may be in need. With all of the situations that campus p.d. have to deal with on a given weekend, most will probably agree that a student should be rewarded for choosing to not drink or do drugs on a Friday night instead of being punished.

Basketball is a large part of community on campus and many students play most days after classes in Parenzo's gym. Intramural volleyball, basketball, and floor hockey are all also played in the gym at certain points throughout the semester.

Two students decided to play basketball at Parenzo at around 10:00 p.m. this past Friday and were subsequently kicked out of the gym because of the fact that it was "closed" at 9:00 p.m. The door leading to the gym through the Banacos Center was unlocked and the students turned on the light switches.

The question that the two students had was: What is the negative effect to anyone on campus that they were playing basketball? A simple game of one-on-one was of no detriment to the university or students alike and was a responsible alternative to drinking or partying that night.

The Parenzo gymnasium should be open to students to at least midnight as it is during the weekdays. It gives students a healthy alternative to drinking on weekends and will give the campus p.d. one less headache to worry about.

As the semester continues, more students will begin using the gym past 9:00 p.m. and I hope that it will be worth the university's time to review this policy for Friday and Saturday.

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The Board

This week we proposed a question to five students here at WSU. The question of the week is: "What song describes your work ethic at WSU?" Here is what the students had to say.

THE BOARD: WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR WORK ETHIC AT WSU?

Don Tran, a junior at WSU, is a criminal justice major with a minor in psychology from Quincy, Mass. Some of his hobbies include composing love ballads and writing poetry. After college he plans on being a Massachusetts State trooper. His favorite television shows include "The Naked Brother's Band" and "Lost." One of his favorite rappers is Westfield's own, Patty B, along with The Game. He describes himself in three words: determined, funny, and jacked. He loves Fall Out Boy and Nickelback.

Tran's favorite motto is, "If you're not first, you're last." If he could create his own pop boy band name, it would be called The Upper Body Predators - heavily drowning in influence by NSYNC. If he could compare himself to any celebrity it would be Ray J. His favorite pickup line given to the girls entering his house is, "Do you come here often?"

Samantha Kendall, a.k.a. Skendall, reached her peak in 2012 when she won the superlative "Life of the Party" at Sharon High School. Now a communications major, she focuses her time on meeting new people, overdoing it on social media, downloading new music, and bringing a good time to the table, wherever that may be.

She has high hopes for her future and is constantly brainstorming her career options when it comes to the world of communications. This socialite hopes to bring new material to The Voice that will speak to its readers on the topics she enjoys most. Kendall hopes to bring readers together and share her knowledge when it comes to good music, trends, and everything that pertains to college survival and living life to the fullest.

Hannah Pitman recognized her potential when she came to the realization that she had hit her peak as an official "old" person, a.k.a. a washed-up senior here at Westfield State.

With that in mind, she figured, why not use all the knowledge and skill that Westfield State has given her thus far?

As a communications major, she is a big people person interested in everyone's story and style. She is also an avid "foodie" as well as a hunter of new music and trends.

With a passion for writing and a profession in being awkward, you can guarantee she will contribute some interesting things to the social scene of The Voice!

Kevin Rooney, a criminal justice major hoping become a police officer, is a junior at Westfield State from Watertown, Mass. His pop boy band name would be Down 2 Earth, with an Aaron Carter kind of theme. He has a secret talent for singing (much better than Carli), and he could nail singing Jesse McCartney's, "Beautiful Soul," and the Britney Spears hit, "Lucky." This single bachelor is looking for love in all the wrong places.

He woos the lucky ladies with a candlelit dinner at the DC on hot fudge Tuesdays. His eyes are glistening with the ghosts of his past (Harry Potter reference). If he could compare himself to any famous celebrity it would be Perez Hilton because he too loves to gossip. He enjoys eating Fruity Pebbles and toasted wild berry flavored Pop-Tarts for breakfast while cuddling up to his favorite book.

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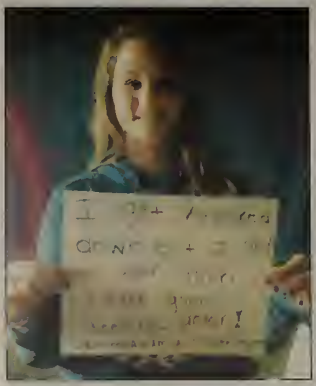

Carli Tallia, a business major with a minor in management, is a junior from Sandwich, Mass. She defines herself as a "Jersey Girl", kind of like the queen meatball Snooki (before she got sexy). Even though her voice could shatter glass, she dreams of being the winner of American Idol and having a number one hit single on the music charts. Some (only her family and loved ones) refer to her as the songbird of our generation, or so she says. Describing herself using three words, she would say she is trustworthy, comical, and easy-going

One of her highest accomplishments in high school includes her winning the superlative, Best Laugh; her laugh is a mixture between one of the favorites on Family Guy, Quagmire (Giggity Giggity Goo) and Macy Gray's singing voice. Her favorite movies include Beverly Hills Ninja, Alpha Dog, and the Harry Potter Series. When she is not at Westfield, you can find her cheering on her wonderful boyfriend who plays for the Franklin Pierce Lacrosse team.

Katie McGovern, a business major with a concentration in marketing and a minor in commercial recreation and tourism, is a junior at WSU from our very own favorite place on earth: Westfield, Mass. This Bomber alumni of Westfield High School dreams of advertising and marketing for Anheuser-Busch when she gets out of college. She longs to live in Florida where the alligators roam freely and a tan lasts all year long.

Her favorites include Wednesdays because "we wear pink", Instagram, going to the beach, the ABC television show How to Get Away With Murder, and getting breakfast at the Good Table.

In her free time, when she is not too busy blending smoothies at Tropical Smoothies located in Holyoke, she is teaching dance lesions for girls ranging from ages 5 to 18 at All Stars Dance Center. She recommends anyone needing or wanting to take a literature class to take Professor Mary Keator's World Literature class.

Tes Amendola, a student at WSU with a major in special education and a minor in early childhood education, is a junior from Woburn, Mass. Her absolute dreamiest of dream jobs would include her being a flight attendant for an international airline.

Some fun facts about Tes is that she is an identical twin, a certified sailor, and has been to three different countries, including Germany, Poland, and Spain. She fears clowns but continues to watch American Horror Story despite wanting to bite all her nails off and being haunted by frequent nightmares.

Her favorites include peanut butter, country music, and running at the gym. She recommends the movie Gone Girl to anyone that likes Ben Affleck and can sit through an almost three-hour movie. She loves football, especially watching her second cousin, Danny Amendola, play for the Patriots... but most of all, she loves watching the her boyfriend, number five, Mike Bortolussi, play for the WSU Owls.

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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
4. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
5. Bang Bang - Jessie J, Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj
6. Don't Tell 'Em - Jeremih Ft YG
7. Animals - Maroon 5
8. Anaconda - Nicki Minaj
9. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
10. Hot Boy - Bobby Shmurda

top 10 albums

1. Old Boots, New Dirt - Jason Aldean
2. Hozier - Hozier
3. Partners - Barbra Streisand
4. Cheek to Cheek - Tony Bennet & Lady Gaga
5. Everything Will Be Alright In The End - Weezer
6. Bring Back The Sunshine - Blake Shelton
7. 24 Karat Gold - Stevie Nicks
8. It's About Us - Alex & Sierra
9. Point Of No Return - Keyshia Cole
10. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith

box office

1. Fury
2. Gone Girl
3. The Book Of Life
4. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
5. The Best Of Me
6. Dracula Untold
7. The Judge
8. Annabelle
9. The Equalizer
10. The Maze Runner

upcoming releases

1. Edge of Tomorrow
2. Million Dollar Arm
3. A Million Ways To Die In The West
4. To Be Takei
5. Jack And The Cuckoo-Clock Heart
6. 4 Minute Mile
7. School Dance
8. Supermensch: The Legend of Shep Gordon
9. Earth To Echo
10. The Purge: Anarchy

MUSICAL THEATRE GUILD

Cast working '9 to 5' for '9 to 5'

From news release

The cast of MTG's fall musical, '9 to 5.'

Westfield State University's student-run group, the Musical Theater Guild (MTG), will perform the musical "9 to 5" on Dever Stage in Parenzo Hall from Thursday, Oct. 23 through Saturday, Oct. 25. Show times are 7:30 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Based on the 1980 movie of the same name, "9 to 5" follows Violet, Doralee, and Judy, three secretaries who work under domineering, sexist, egotistical office manager Franklin Hart Jr. United in their hatred, the three concoct a plan of revenge to get even with their boss and take control of the workplace.

Music and lyrics for "9 to 5" were written by Dolly Parton, who starred as Doralee in the original film. The musical premiered on Broadway in 2009 with an all-star cast, including Megan Hilty from NBC's "Smash" and Allison Janney from CBS's "Mom."

The Musical Theater Guild (MTG) is the oldest student-run club on campus, founded in 1972. The club puts on two musicals per school year. MTG has just four weeks to organize a full musical, including learning a full score and script, movement during each scene, dancing, and constructing a full set for the show.

"9 to 5" is directed by seniors Beth Teague '15 of Dracut, MA and Allison O'Neil '15 of Lowell, MA. O'Neil has previously acted in MTG productions, but for "9 to 5" she wanted to take a behind the scenes approach.

"Ever since I joined MTG, it has been a dream of mine to direct," O'Neil said. "We have so many talented members in our club, and getting to work with them on a different level has been an amazing experience."

Teague said they chose "9 to 5" because the musical is comedic and tackles relevant issues.

"We live in a world full of gender stereotypes and roles," Teague said. "'9 to 5' challenges gender roles and portrays women in a capable and powerful light while still being comedic. We are still working toward gender equality today, and this musical supports that goal. We're hoping the audience both enjoys the hilarity of the show while also coming out feeling empowered."

O'Neil said the underlying theme of taking control of your surroundings makes the play relatable for both genders.

"I think this musical will appeal to both men and women because even though it has strong female characters, the message of being able to change your situation and what's around you is greater," O'Neil said.

Tickets are $2 for students, $4 for seniors, and $6 for general admission.

They can be purchased at the door or reserved through Chelsea Orifice at corifice2860@westfield.ma.edu.

TV Reviews: 'The Walking Dead' resurrects itself for season 5

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

The zombie apocalypse show The Walking Dead is back and greater than ever. The second half of the fourth season was a long and tedious walk towards Terminus that left our core group broken, scattered, and miserable. This premiere episode of season five was full of action and satisfaction as we see an end to the events of last season. This episode has everything from a gruesome beginning to a heart-felt ending. It doesn't end there though, because the second episode is just as great.

This premiere episode, in my opinion, is the best ever in the Walking Dead. The beginning of the episode is the most horrific we have ever seen. Our characters witness people getting their throats cut and blood spilled into a trough by the people of Terminus, and even one guy being sawed apart. Even though it was terrible, the beginning was beneficial to the whole episode.

Carol is a character from the show who doesn't do a whole lot in terms of killing, but that changes in this episode. She wasn't captured by Terminus, but shows up later, and thank god for our group because she saves them all by setting zombies loose on Terminus and disguising herself as one. I loved seeing Carol like this because the development from her being shy in the first season to how she is now is amazing. Carol changes so much in this episode and becomes as badass as Rick and Daryl.

What I liked most about this episode is how fast paced it was. The walk to Terminus was slow, but this episode had scene after scene of action, like when Rick disarms one of the Termites and mows down five others. The characters stayed at the prison for one and a half seasons, so it was nice to see Terminus in one big episode.

The action was superb in this episode, but when Rick is reunited with baby Judith it was heart-felt. We have been waiting for Rick to see that the baby was still alive after all this time, and it was the best and most emotional ending to a premiere yet. Also, Daryl being reunited with Carol was a great ending to the show, because after Terminus and after all the turmoil they are all right.

I think the highlight of the episode was after the credits, when Morgan shows up again. This was unexpected and great because Morgan isn't in the show often, but is commonly a favorite character. I think this ending gave the premiere a lot of hype.

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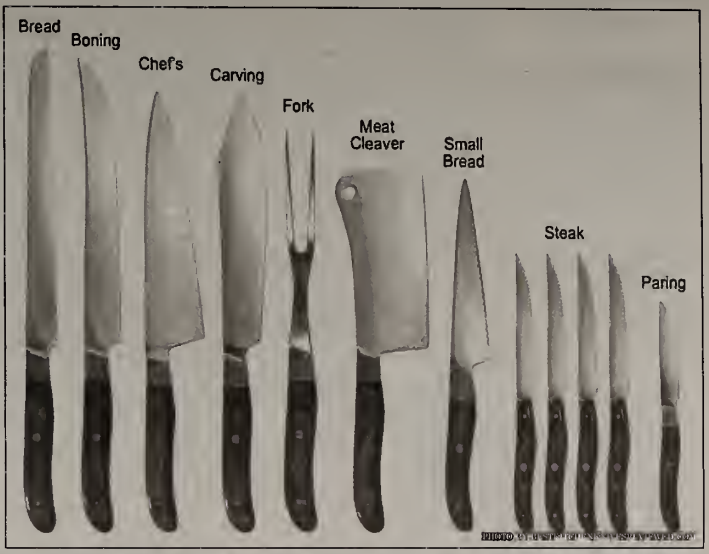
KNOWING TO COOK

The Cutting Edge: Notes on Knife Skills

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist



One of the many fears that can inhibit the home cook from achieving the results they seek is the fear of the knife. When it comes to cooking, the use of the knife is unavoidable. Although there have been many products in infomercial screening that would suggest that the knife is an outdated kitchen tool, the fact of the matter is that it is impossible to become a decent cook without an all-around knowledge of how to properly use a knife.

When it comes to cutlery, chefs' catalogues tend to go overboard. While the addition of an 18-piece or 36-piece knife set might make your kitchen look much more professional, the simple truth is that, as a home cook, you will probably never need or have use for a 36-piece knife set.

A home cook only needs, and will most likely only use, three to five types of knives: chef's knife, paring knife, bread knife/knife with a serrated edge, kitchen scissors (yes, they qualify), and a filet ing knife. I will go into detail on the first three.

The chef's knife is the most versatile and widely used knife in all of cooking. Commonly, the chef's knife is eight inches in length and one and a half inches wide.

Rather than excelling in a particular area, the chef's knife is designed to perform well with a multitude of kitchen tasks that include mincing, slicing, and chopping.

Knife technique in terms of the chef's knife depends highly upon individual preference. The most common knife rule in all of cooking is to make sure your fingers never touch the blade.

More often than not, the hand you are not using to cut with will be the hand stabilizing the object which you are cutting.

You will be cutting towards your fingers rather than away, so it is important to be focused and know where your fingers and the knife blade are at all times in order to avoid an accident.

There are three main cutting methods a home cook will use: mincing, chopping, and slicing. Mincing is most commonly used with smaller vegetables or herbs.

The goal is to make small and uniform pieces out of the ingredients. Also, mincing releases more flavor from the ingredients, which is why it is the method most preferred when using ingredients like garlic and parsley. Believe it or not, there is a difference between chopping and slicing.

Chopping is a less uniformed method of cutting and is mostly used for cutting up meats and vegetables. Slicing is a more uniformed way of cutting, involving more precise cutting and is often used to create shapes.

The final two types of knives, the paring knife and the serrated edge knife, are less commonly used, but should still be included in a cook's repertoire.

The paring knife is a very small and sharp knife. I recommend using more caution when using a paring knife than when using a chef's knife, specifically because of how much sharper a paring knife is.

You can use paring knives to cut vegetables more precisely or cut meat in a particular way. I personally recommend using a paring knife to cut chicken and steak. The serrated edge knife is used for virtually one purpose: cutting bread. The serrated edge of the knife cuts easier through the rough outer crust of the bread as opposed to the smoother edge of a chef's knife or paring knife.

I'm sorry if this week's article seems more remedial and academic than usual, but I feel it is important to discuss knife technique and safety.

As I mentioned earlier, cutting yourself when using a knife is one of the main fears keeping people from learning how to cook.

Accidents happen, they are unavoidable, but knowing how to properly use knives in the kitchen significantly minimizes the chance of an accident. The basic key to knife safety is common sense and to always keep your fingers away from the blade. Always maintain focus when using a knife, because if you break focus, you will almost certainly cut yourself.

One final note: always make sure your knives are sharp. The duller your knives are, the harder it will be to cut through something, and the chance of accident increases tenfold.

As with all cooking, knife skills increase with practice. So don't be afraid of using knives! Use them to your fullest culinary advantage, but please be safe when using them.

Before I close, I want to set up a new schedule. I will be providing a recipe for all of you every other week. Like everyone else, my semester has gotten incredibly busy and I don't have as much time as I would like to cook and provide you with recipes. So, I am sorry for that.

Thank you all for reading!

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And The Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997, 355 pp., $15.00(paper), ISBN: 978-0-53340-3

Austin Fleury
Voice Contributor

For the past three years, Westfield State has assigned a First-Year Read for first year students to read for their English class. This year's First-Year Read was Anne Fadiman's Novel The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collisions of Two Cultures.

This bestseller has won the National Book Critics Circle Award and has received appraisal from many medical, literary, and journalistic circles. Although this book has seen much appraisal since its release in 1997, this novel can be quite complex and confusing for some of its readers, including this year's first year students.

The book recounts the story of a Hmong infant named Lia Lee who was diagnosed with severe epilepsy, the history of the Hmong people and the struggles they faced with immigration, and the difficulties that individuals face when two different cultures come into contact. Each of these topics was interesting, however, putting the three topics together causes confusion and the reader at times may be lost as to what topic Fadiman is talking about.

Maybe that's why she added "A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collisions of Two Cultures" into the title to show the possible reader of this book that this is three novels mashed into one confusing story. Fadiman's constant "flip-flopping" of topics between the story of Lia Lee, the story of the Hmong history and culture, and the story of culture clash between the Hmong and the Americans is the drawback that this novel has and makes me believe that I am trying to read three novels at the same time.

When Fadiman takes all of her focus and places it on one topic, she creates a powerful and emotional story that keeps you on the edge of your seat. The main topic that Fadiman tries to focus on and what I believe should have been the only topic within The Spirit Catches You was Lia's epilepsy condition and her family's with having a young child with this condition.

In the book's fifth chapter, Take as Directed, Fadiman informs the reader that Lia was admitted to Merced Community Medical Center seventeen times and made more than one hundred out patient visits to the ER and the Family Practice Center once she started having seizures from her condition. She explains that the Lee's and the American doctors had a hard time communicating to each other, which caused a misdiagnosis of Lia before they finally diagnosed her correctly.

This chapter made me begin to feel concerned for Lia's health and if the doctors were ever going to diagnose her correctly to hopefully control her condition. This section of the novel showed a great amount of emotion and created a lot of suspense for the reader. Fadiman did this well when she focused on the story of Lia. Another chapter where Fadiman excels at this is within the chapter, Sacrifice.

At this point, Lia's epilepsy has become worse and it does not seem that her condition will ever improve. The Lee's hire a Hmong shaman to perform a traditional Hmong ceremony to hopefully cleanse Lia's soul and hopefully improve her condition. All of Lia's family was in attendance for the ceremony and took part in it to hopefully bring their Lia back to a healthy state where she can live a normal life.

If Fadiman only stayed focused on the issues the Lee's faced with cultural differences instead of all the Hmongs, Lia's story would become stronger and less complicated to follow. The issue I have with Fadiman is when it moves away from Lia's story and focuses more on the Hmong as a whole. In the novels fourth chapter, Do Doctors Eat Brains?, Fadiman recounts Mao Thao's, a Hmong from St. Paul, Minnesota, trip back to Laos.

She visits the American-run Hmong refugee camps in Laos and compares the American doctor to the Hmong shaman. I question if this chapter even serves a purpose within this novel. It gives a better understanding on how the Hmong treat individuals who become ill but it takes away from the main topic at hand, Lia.

Fadiman randomly introduces another short story, of a Hmong from Minnesota that ventures back to Laos, to help her explain the differences of Hmong medicine to American medicine while she is trying to talk about the story of Lee's, which takes place in California.

I understand that Fadiman's intentions were to include the history of the Hmong in order to make her readers able to understand the Lee family's culture and beliefs, as this will help them to understand why the Lees did the things they did to help cure Lia of her epilepsy. However, she focused on the history too much within the novel.

This caused Lia's story to be put on hold, while she gave a history lesson on the Hmong people. The book's first chapter, Birth, recounts the day Lia was born and how parents treasured her dearly, compared to their other children. The chapter also explains how the Hmong believe the soul is very important to them and lacking a soul can cause illness.

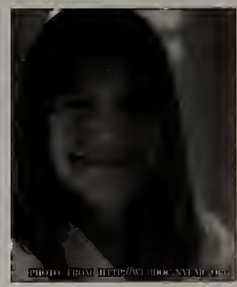
The Lee's hold a "soul-calling", a Hmong ceremony to install a soul into an infant, for Lia to make sure her soul is happy with the body it will be housed into and to bless Lia to make sure she has a healthy life. Now with circumstances like this, a brief history of Hmong culture is proper for the reader to understand what this ceremony is and why they do it.

However, Fadiman opens this chapter with a long and in depth lecture of the Hmong culture and its history. Now if you are a history or sociology major you may find this interesting, however it left me wondering when the story was actually going to begin. Instead of discussing the Hmong culture and then discussing Lia's birth, if she intertwined them and made the history lesson more brief and more relevant to Lia, the chapter would have been more enjoyable and would have influenced me less to skip forward to where the novel actually begins.

In summary, Anne Fadiman's novel, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down can be a powerful and emotional account of a young Hmong child's struggle with epilepsy when Fadiman is focusing on the main topic of the story, Lia.

This novel's largest drawback is the fact that there are too many topics being discussed at once and it creates a complex and confusing environment that most college students usually want to avoid when reading a book. Fadiman's constant "flip-flopping" of topics between Lia's story, the history of the Hmong, and the issues of cultural clash take away from Fadiman's strengths.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down has great potential of being a great read but its multiple topics and its confusing story changes are the reasons why I would advise to avoid this novel.



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The second episode is just as fun as the first. The premiere, being big and action packed, was more exciting, but this episode had many good moments. We were able to see the characters catch up with each other about what happened to them all when they were walking to Terminus.

A new character, Gabriel, who is a priest, was introduced to the group and I loved the tension between them. Gabriel doesn't believe in killing walkers, and needs to be saved by the group. I think it was great to introduce him at this time because the group just got out of a mess with some nasty people, so it hrings up the question of should they trust this guy.

Earlier in season four, a character, Beth, was taken in a black car with a white cross on the back of it. Daryl sees the car again and goes to run after it. I think it's absolutely great to hegin that story arc again, because we have been waiting to see what happened to Beth for a long time.

The question that so many people had was why Terminus captured people and why they killed them. In this episode, the answer is finally revealed. The Termites take Bob, and they cut off his leg and eat it. I know in the comic book this also happens, but with another character. I think this quick pace that the show is going at is great, because it makes each episode more exciting. Now we know what the Termites do and our core group is going to have to watch their backs.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And The Collision of Two Cultures by Anne Fadiman. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997, 355 pp., $15.00(paper), ISBN: 978-0-53340-3

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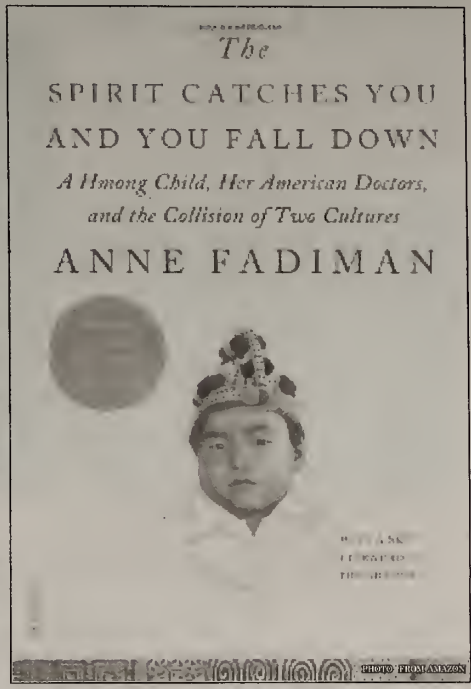
Voice Contributor



The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down by Anne Fadiman is a non-fiction novel about the conflict between modern medicine and the Hmong Culture. We follow the story of Lia Lee, a young Hmong child with severe seizures, and her family.

We follow Lia's fight for life and her family's struggle to keep her alive. Fadiman really captivates the reader with Lia's struggle, and I found myself worrying about Lia and praying that she would get better; however, just as Fadiman captured my heart, she inserts too many details about the beliefs, history, language, and rituals of the Hmong culture and this moves me away from my heart's connection with Lia and her family.

When Fadiman describes the scenes of Lia's seizures, you feel like you are really there watching them happen. As I read the novel, I felt that I could picture everything perfectly.

When Lia has her grand mal seizure, the seizure that changes her entire life, I found myself gripping onto the book and thinking, "Oh God, is this it? Is she going to make it?"

Fadiman describes the scene so perfectly, the complete drama of trying to save this child's life, that I felt like I was in the emergency room watching the situation unfold.

I felt the stress of the doctors and nurses trying to save her. But just as Fadiman knows how to capture the reader and bring them straight into the story, she knows how to pull them back out.

Fadiman brought out a very boring side to the novel. When she would bring in the excitement up in one chapter, she'd bring every emotion back down in the next as she rambled on about the Hmong history. I'm sure to those who find the Hmong history interesting and are thinking about studying them, then those chapters would be of interest.

But to someone like me, who does not necessarily care about the history and who just wants to know about Lia, then it was not as interesting and the book dragged on. She goes into so much detail about the history, to where it really could be summed up in maybe the first chapter, just to give you an overview on what the Hmong are like.

She could have even just sprinkled the information throughout the book, when it was relevant. Fadiman seemed to just throw it all at you in too long of chapters that are not interesting.

The language barrier also plays a huge part in this book. I found that I kept feeling very annoyed with the Lee family, because even with interpreters they would not listen to the doctors. But we also know that they did not want the modern medicine to help Lia, they wanted to do their own healing, with their homegrown medicine.

The Lee family would have benefitted more if they had learned how to read and write in English, and it would have maybe resulted in a brighter future for Lia instead of how she ended up.

The rituals that go along with the Hmong culture are actually interesting, but Fadiman made them feel boring. They sacrifice animals, such as pigs and cows, to try and get Lia's soul back.

This to us is just abnormal, but they believe that if they give sacrifices then Lia's soul will find its way back to her. They are giving to get her back. They wear special clothing for holidays and celebrations, and Lia is always given the most beautiful clothing, which shows us that she is the favorite child.

The healing medicines include using herbs and hot coins pressed onto the body, which the Lee's use on Lia. As I read these excerpts, I felt bored but also interested. Fadiman made the facts boring and she dragged them out for too long of a chapter, where you felt like you just could not read anymore.

Anne Fadiman wrote a very good novel, but it was difficult to get through. When she told Lia's story, she told it really well. It felt like she brought me into the story and made me feel like I was right there while everything unfolded, but the book got incredibly boring in some areas, and it was mostly the areas of the history, language, and rituals.

I will admit that I skipped through some of the boring areas because I knew that it would take me forever to read because it was so boring and too much detail was being thrown at me. For someone studying the Hmong culture, they would find the information intriguing, but a student trying to do their first year read will find it completely boring.

When Fadiman completely focused on Lia and her story, it was interesting and quick to read, but when she dragged you through the culture it was long and difficult to get through.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Varlets execute 'Fever Dream' with sagacity

Tyler Leahy
Guest Columnist

Editor's Notes: This album review was previously published in The Springfield Student, the student press at Springfield College. The Varlets are playing at WSKB's Gathering of the Bands on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Western Massachusetts has in recent memory been considered a dead zone in creativity for its lack of a local music scene. Rock 'n' roll revivalists The Varlets do more than fill a void in talent on their latest release, 'Fever Dream', a six-track E.P. now available for streaming on Spotify and purchase on iTunes.

'Fever Dream' will have a proper physical copy release during a CD release party on Oct. 24 at 9 p.m., located at The O's in Sunderland.

'Fever Dream' finds The Varlets honing a clean, sharp sound, now more comfortable with producing and mastering their material in studio. It offers The Varlets' most cohesive effort to date, without compromising the superb musicianship that has been a mainstay in past works. Guitarists Vassilios Karsaliakos and Sam Pursey intertwine effortlessly, sharing vocal duties throughout the E.P. in a sequence that plays to a complimentary strength. Bassist Reed Sutherland and drummer Pat Brown provide the technical backbone needed for the variety of song structure within 'Fever Dream'.

Riddled with blues-infused tempo changes, piano keys, and ethereal background vocals throughout, 'Fever Dream' plays in a manner that suits its title. The opening track "Electric Pulse" sets an ethereal tone, drawing some comparison to song structure mastered by rock heavyweights Queens of The Stone Age. Similar to a formula executed so well by Josh Homme, Karsaliakos's voice soars over a plodding riff and hushed backing vocals.

The second track, "Any Way I Can," continues the E.P.'s slow build towards an all-out fever breakout, Pursey purporting "You say you're searching for a reason to live, well why don't you just take one of mine?"- Sutherland takes the spotlight on bass-driven middle track "Tantalized", which raises the temperature, reaching the feverish sound built towards on previous tracks. It is followed by a slow, funky interlude that properly reminds the listener that this experience is still a dream, too. Track five, "Running to Forever" displays The Varlets in a controlled climax and display of energy. Abundant with intricacies from every instrument, constant tempo changes, and vocals from both Karsaliakos and Pursey, the song sounds as if constructed by musicians with decades of experience rather than a gang of twenty-something childhood best friends. Brown's command of percussion excellence is most evident. The E.P's most shining moment comes in the form of a masterful guitar solo by Karsaliakos that bleeds through the close of "Running to Forever."

The closing song, "Technicolor Sweetness," provides the picturesque ending needed to complete a work entitled 'Fever Dream,' a buoyant cloud of layered sounds accompanied with vivid imagery bellowed by Karsaliakos: "But then the sirens sing: 'Do you remember when, like colors in the sand we wash away again? You set sail on a golden breeze into the sea you wash away from me.'" By highlighting 'Fever Dream' with an attention to detail and structure, The Varlets deliver an experience that is more rewarding with each listen. The release proves they are not just a band skillful at each instrument but a band that can execute a well-developed concept at ease. 'Fever Dream' imposes a sound both accessible and individualistic enough to garner serious interest that extends far beyond the limits of the Western Massachusetts music scene.

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owls athletics

CLUB HOCKEY

Owls Women's Hockey Team hopes for another winning season as practices start

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Westfield State Women's Hockey team is looking for another winning season as many of the team returns for more action!

Led by seniors Sam Coose, Riley O'Brien, and Samantha Woods, the team is looking to improve on their 10-5-1 record from last year.

Having begun practices on Sunday at Amelia Park, the team will have its first game on Nov. 8 at Williston-Northampton School against Smith College.

Steve Matroni, Jeff Hunter, and Matt Matroni coach the team.

The Owls are led in goals by Emily Munger with 14, Meredith Macleod with 11, and Holly Bouilette with 10. Jenn White leads the team in assists with 12, followed by Munger with 11 and Taylor Rheault with seven. The team is still young in existence but their tenacity and skill has resulted in winning seasons.

Students who wish to support the Lady Owls Hockey team can attend the seven 'home' games at Amelia Park.

For more information on the team, visit wsuwomenshockey.webs.com.

PHOTO FROM TEAM WEBSITE

The Westfield State Women's Hockey Team

Upcoming Games for the Women's Hockey Team

November 8 - 1 p.m. Smith College at Williston-Northampton
November 9 - 3 p.m. MIT at Amelia Park, Westfield
November 15 - 6:50 p.m. at Boston College
November 16 - 3 p.m. Boston University at Amelia Park, Westfield

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events	*Upcoming Owls Athletics Events*
Friday, October 17th	*Friday, October 24th*
Field Hockey at Worcester State L 0-2	W VBall vs Tufts University 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18th	*Saturday, October 25th*
M/W XC at Conn. College Invite 7th/16th	M Soccer vs Worcester State 11:00 a.m.
W Soccer vs MCLA W 5-1	W Soccer at Worcester State 12:00 p.m.
W VBall vs Mass. Maritime W 3-0	W Swimming vs Simmons College 1:00 p.m.
Football at Mass. Maritime W 32-16	Football vs Bridgewater State 2:0 p.m.
M Soccer at MCLA T 0-0 (OT)	W VBall vs Hamilton College 12:00 p.m.
W VBall vs. Pine Manor College W 3-0	W VBall at Smith College 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21st	*Tuesday, October 28th*
Field Hockey at Keene State L 2-3	Field Hockey vs Mount Holyoke 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 22nd	*Wednesday, October 29th*
M Soccer at RIC 6:00 p.m.	W Soccer at Keene State 7:00 p.m.
W VBall vs MCLA 7:00 p.m.	M Soccer vs Western Connecticut 7:00 p.m.

Fall Intramural Standings

AS OF WEDNESDAY OCT. 21

Women's Volleyball:
Bomb Squad 2-4
Ain't no volleyback girls 0-5

Men's Volleyball:
OGBC 4-3
You Lift Bro 8-0
I'd hit that 1-6
Bustin Bruins 3-4
TDMP 3-2
Bucks 2-3
United Forces 0-1
WH Drywaller 6-1

Flag Football: Skilled-East Division:
Octopus 6-3
OGBC 3-7
Screaming Seagulls 4-3
C Poppers 5-3
Boston's Finest 6-2
Dunkin D Heads: Out of League
Dankinson Dark Squirrels: Out of League

Skilled-West Division:
Back That Pass Up 6-2
Below Avg Andy's 4-4
Bucks 6-3
Carpet Cleaners 6-2
Scanlon Sloots 2-7
Deadbeat Creeps 1-7
Bad News Bears 3-2

Highly Skilled Division:
Team X 7-2
TDMP 6-2
Money Team 6-2
C Stunts: Out of Leaugue

Space Monkey Mafia 2-3
49ers 2-8

Men's 3 v 3 Basketball: Highly Skilled:
Splash Bros
vs.
TDMP
Championship 10/22

Skilled:
Zip Em Up West
vs.
Team ZNKJ
Championship 10/22

1 Pitch Softball:
Hit it & Quit it
League
Champions

Black and Gold or Black and Blue: The Bruins struggle in early season games

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

PHOTO FROM NESN

Since the beginning of the NHL season just a few short weeks ago, the Boston Bruins have shown signs of struggling early on. The Bruins, who have posted a 4-4 start so far, have shown signs of weakness and inconsistency on both sides of the puck.

As the offseason drew to a close, the Bruins faced early signs of struggle. Right wing Reilly Smith and defenseman Torey Krug, both of whom were restricted free agents, signed one year contracts just days before the season. However, shortly after that, the Bruins traded away defenseman Johnny Boychuk to the New York Islanders.

With the loss of Boychuk, the B's lost one of their key contributors. However, the departure of Boychuk freed up cap space that many Bruins fans hoped would be used to improve their defense.

The Bruins also lost one of their key contributors on offense when right wing Jarome Iginla departed to become an alternate captain for the Colorado Avalanche. Iginla, whose skill and speed were almost unmatchable for opposing teams, made his absence apparent early on.

The Bruins had a pure goal scorer on their top line to play along Milan Lucic and David Krecji. But now with the absence of Iginla from the roster, the Bruins seem empty on that line.

One of the current problems for the Bruins so far this season has been scoring. Brad Marchand and Patrice Bergeron both seem to he struggling witb putting the puck in the net early on, combining for only two goals in eight games thus far.

Tuukka Rask, who won the Vezina Trophy last year, has also been having trouble early. Rask stands at 3-3 on the year with a 2.91 goals against average, making this his highest his goals against per game has been since the 2010-2011 season, when he played only 29 games.

The Bruins have also faced questions in the recent decisions made by the front office. And GM Peter Chiarelli. Chiarelli faced criticism after trading away Tyler Seguin for Loui Eriksson, Reilly Smith, Matt Fraser and a minor leaguer. As of right now, Seguin sits atop the league in goals with 10, whereas six Bruins players are tied for the team lead at a mere two.

These early season concerns seem to be routine for Boston, especially over the past four or five years. However, the Bruins have already begun to focus on improving their roster.

A move that has been rumbling around has been a trade for the Edmonton Oilers right wing Jordan Eberle. Eberle, who recently made his way to the NHL after a successful stint with the AHL Oklahoma City Barons, would he a huge addition to the Bruins line-up.

With rumours only being rumours, the Bruins will need to make moves quickly if they expect anything to change. With the season already underway, there's gonna have to be some big changes in Boston, otherwise they can already kiss their season goodbye.

NCAA Football is as unpredictable as ever

PHOTO FROM "BUSINESS INSIDER"

Florida State is one of the few remaining undefeated teams in FBS. The Seminoles are looking to win the first NCAA playoff.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

We are just past the halfway mark in the NCAA football season, with many teams that were projected to be at the top of the rankings have fallen and other teams that started the season unranked have risen.

The season has been a shock to many fans and analysts thus far, with Mississippi State and Ole Miss making unbelievahle runs, especially considering their schedules. Out of the current top four teams in the Associated Press Poll, Florida State has the easiest schedule for the remainder of the season. They are the only team in the top four that doesn't face a ranked opponent throughout the rest of their schedule.

As we've learned this season though, upsets are a possibility. Out of the opponents Florida State has left on the schedule, only Louisville has more than four wins.

The Seminoles have been clutch late in the game this season, proven in victories over Clemson (a game they played without Jameis Winston, who was suspended at the time), Oklahoma State, and most recently Notre Dame, who was undefeated and making their own playoff run prior to their loss. This being said Florida State have surely clinched a spot in the projected 2014 BCS four team playoff.

Alabama, on the other hand, has three ranked teams left on their schedule, including two in the top five; Mississippi State and Auburn. Being the only team in the top four with one loss, a second one would most likely knock them out of contention for the four-team playoff.

After regaining their confidence by rolling over #21 Texas A&M last week in a lopsided 59-0 victory, I'm going to go on a limb and say they will win out and make it to the BCS four-team playoff.

Ole Miss' schedule, on the other hand, faces challenges similar to Alabama's. The Rebels play the same three ranked teams that Alabama will face in their remaining schedule, including LSU in Baton Rouge. Ole Miss was the only team to hand Alahama a loss this season in a well earned 23-17 win. With the win over Alahama and their victory over Texas A&M, it's safe to say Ole Miss is capable of heating anyhody in the country.

In their last game on the schedule, Ole Miss will face off at home against their in state rival Mississippi State, who is the numher one team in the country. Ole Miss will clearly have the home field advantage that will likely be a key factor. If the Rebels continue to play as well as they have, especially with Bo Wallace leading the charge, Ole Miss should easily win over the Bulldogs.

With their expected loss at the hands of the Rebels, Mississippi State will likely not make my BCS four-team playoff projection alongside Alabama, Florida State, Ole Miss. However, the Marcus Mariota-led Oregon Ducks, who have one loss on the season but face on of the toughest schedules outside of the SEC, will likely take their spot.

Facing only one ranked team in the remainder of the schedule and playing confidently the past two weeks scoring over 40 points, the Ducks will more likely than not be the fourth and final team to earn a spot in the playoffs.

With that said, there's still plenty of time for teams to choke or make their mark before season's end. The inagural playoff picture will not he set in stone until the season is complete.

NCAA Preseason polls show familiar faces

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

PHOTO FROM HERALD-LEADER

The Kentucky Wildcats continue to rain supreme as they garnered the number one spot in the preseason USA Today Poll. The Wildcats earned 24 first place votes and 785 total points.

The Wildcats lost some of their best contributors from last season to the one-and-done strategy, including power forward Julius Randle and shooting guard James Young. Randle and Young led the team last year in points per game, averaging a combined 29.5 PPG, with Randle also leading the team in rebounds, averaging 10.5 per game.

However, the Wildcats also had key players returning from last season, including Willy Cauley-Stein, Alex Poythress, and Aaron and Andrew Harrison, all of whom are hoping to improve their resumes in time for the 2015 NBA Draft.

The Wildcats also boast one of the most impressive recruiting classes for the 2014 season, thanks in part to Coach Calipari. With the addition of four Scout.com Top 100 recruits, including Trey Lyles, the top power forward in the class of 2014, as well as center Karl Towns and point guard Tyler Ulis, the Wildcats had the second best recruiting class last year, only behind the Duke Blue Devils.

The Arizona Wildcats, who reside in the number two spot in the Associated Press Poll, also retained some of their starters from last year, including center Kaleb Tarzcewski, who is expected to be a huge catalyst for the Wildcats' expected success in the absence of Aaron Gordon.

The Wildcats also signed some top recruits over the season who could be huge contributors, including Stanley Johnson, a young talent at Mater Dei who won the California Mr. Basketball award in 2014 en route to a state title and a #1 national ranking by USA Today.

The Duke Blue Devils, who currently reside in the #3 spot, lost a large part of their team last year to the NBA, including lottery pick Jabari Parker, first rounder Rodney Hood, and Andre Dawkins. However, the Blue Devils managed to earn the #1 Scout.com team ranking for the Class of 2014 after signing four Top 100 players.

Jahlil Okafor is expected to make a big splash this season, filling a void at center that Marshall Plumlee was unable to fill. Although many analysts expect Okafor to stay just one year before leaving for the Draft, he is expected to shine for the Blue Devils and lead them deep into the Tourney after a disappointing second round upset last year.

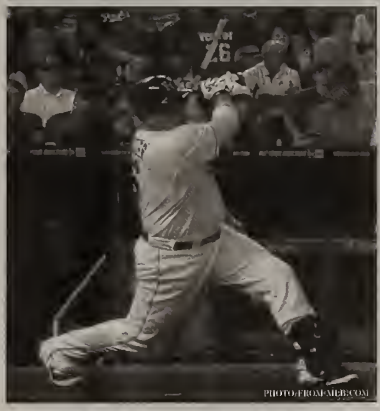
The Wisconsin Badgers, who made an unbelievable run to the Final Four last year before falling to Kentucky, reside at the #4 spot.

The Badgers are expected to do even better this year, especially since team leader Frank Kaminsky decided to return for his senior year instead of opting for the NBA. Kaminsky, who posted career highs in points per game with 13.9 and rebounds per game with 6.3, is expected to replicate those stats in his final season.

Although senior Ben Brust graduated at the end of last season, the Badgers have already found a suitable replacement in T.J. Schlundt, a Wisconsin native with the size and shooting skills the Badgers needed.

Rounding out the Top 10 are the Kansas Jayhawks, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Louisville, and Texas. The season kicks off on Friday, November 14.

Royals, Giants face of in unexpected series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Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

With the Patriots season in full swing and the Red Sox's poor regular season following their championship run, it may be hard for most New England residents to remember that the Fall Classic is once again upon us. This year's installment of the World Series may seem dull on the surface, however it could turn out to be one of the more exciting series to date.

This year, the San Francisco Giants will make their third World Series appearance in the past five years for the National League. On the other side, representing the American League are the underdog Kansas City Royals, who haven't made a post-season appearance since 1985.

Although both teams had to win the Wild Card play-in game to even make it into the post season, both have made impressive runs since.

The Royals, an out of nowhere team from a small market and a low team salary make for an almost perfect underdog. Having such an abysmal history over the past few decades many baseball fans haven't even been alive long enough to see the last time this team made a post-season appearance. Anchored by their dominant defensive outfield who had all three starters (Alex Gordon, Jarrod Dyson and Lorenzo Cain) finish in the top ten in defensive runs saved.

Along with their stellar outfield, their bullpen has been even better, with a combined 1.07 ERA this post season over 25.2 combined innings of relief. All this topped off with their ace James Shields, who does not have the strongest post-season numbers but is in desperate need of a big series.

Shields, who is currently in a contract year, could receive a max contract in the off-season. With that being said, most players perform to the top of their ability while in a contract year and it's doubtful a team will give big money to a pitcher that cannot perform in the post-season. This pressure is just what the Royals need for their pitching to have a lights out series.

Kansas City has yet to lose this post-season and are red-hot going into the Fall Classic. It would be tough to bet against them with the way they have been playing thus far.

Unlike the Royals, the San Francisco Giants have been a playoff power in recent years. Having won the World Series in 2010 and 2012, this team is no stranger to the bright lights of October. This experience will be a huge edge against a young Royals team.

The Giants' biggest asset has to be their strong managerial staff. Manager Bruce Bochy has been at the head of this Giants team since 2007 and is on pace to be a Hall of Fame manager. With some of the eyebrow raising moves that Royals manager Ned Yost has made this post-season, it is pretty clear the ever so important managerial advantage belongs to the Giants.

With both of these mental advantages the Giants have they also posses the best overall player in the series in Buster Posey. The former MVP, Rookie of the Year and Batting Champion is far and away the best catcher in baseball and is a stellar on both sides of the ball, to say the least.

This season Posey averaged an astonishing 30% success rate in throwing out runners stealing bases, which can negatively impact the Royals going into the Series, who have relied on baserunning as a major factor in their success.

The Fall Classic starts Tuesday the 21st at 8:07 pm and is shaping up to be a classic "David vs Goliath" type series. Both teams coming off their LCS victories red-hot should make for awesome baseball.

*The World Series began on Tuesday with a 7-1 victory by the Giants. The Royals won Game 2 on Wednesday 7-2. As of 10/22 the series is tied 1-1.

2014 NBA Draft will be the one to watch

PHOTO FROM USA TODAY

Landon Donovan is the most celebrated soccer player in the history of American soccer. He is the national team record holder for goals and assists with 57 and 58 respectively. He also holds the MLS record for career goals and assists. He made the sport more popular in the U.S. than anyone could have imagined.

Andrew Burke
Editor-in-Chief

The 2014 NBA Draft has the potential to be one of the most influential in NBA history.

Exceptional talent along with preseason trades and games have only added to the hype and potential that this class entered the league with.

The best draft class in history, judging simply by career production, is undoubtedly the class of 1996.

Allen Iverson, Kobe Bryant, Steve Nash, Jermaine O'Neil, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Stephon Marbury, Antoine Walker Ray Allen, and Peja Stojakovic all were drafted in the first round that year and all have made multiple all-star teams, All-NBA teams, and have contended for championships with their respective teams.

This class shaped the NBA for the next two decades of professional basketball. Kobe Bryant was drafted by the Charlotte Hornets and subsequently traded to the Lakers after being drafted. Bryant has won five championships in Los Angeles and trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Karl Malone, and Michael Jordan on the all-time NBA scoring list.

All-Star players from the 2003 draft include, Josh Howard, David West, Mo Williams, Chris Kaman, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, Carmelo Anthony, and LeBron James.

At the height of the prime in most of these player's careers, people are beginning to put this class at the top with the 1996 class. As the 2003 players continue their careers, their progress will be analyzed and compared to classes before them and debated as one of the greatest.

The 2014 class is loaded with underclassmen that left school early. Only four of the first 24 players selected are upperclassmen and the first nine players selected were underclassmen.

Talent is rare and difficult to teach at such a young age, but this class has the players and personnel to make it work.

The players are more knowledgeable about how to be successful in the NBA than they have been in the past and coaches, trainers, and general managers are more adapted to giving these players the correct outlets to continue their careers.

Andrew Wiggins has been projected as a top NBA pick since he was a junior in high school and Jabari Parker has one of the highest basketball IQ's of any rookie entering the league in recent memory.

Wiggins and Parker are the most NBA ready players in the draft and are poised to find success in years to come simply because of their talent.

However, the draft also has players that will seem to fit into a role player position with their respective teams. Doug McDermott will see time with the Bulls behind Jimmy Butler and Tony Snell, but should give any team he plays for an added compliment.

Scoring 3,150 point in four years at Creighton proves that he can score the basketball and these skills will translate into a successful role playing career to likes of his new teammate, Kirk Heinrich.

The Minnesota Timberwolves are looking at a rebuilding season after trading Kevin Love to the Cleveland Cavaliers for the previous two first overall picks in Wiggins and Anthony Bennett. Should the Cavaliers win the first major sports championship in Cleveland since 1964, as many people are picking them to do, Andrew Wiggins and this draft class will have influenced the league more so than any other.

As this season continues on we will see which rookies will live up to their expectations and which will fall short.

The careers of these athletes are just beginning and if they continue on the strait and narrow path they are heading, they might one day take the reigns as the best draft class in NBA history.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 19):
It takes two to tango. You should stop showing up to your tango lessons alone.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
I know that you are feeling unappreciated at work, but you and I know both know that you are not qualified for this job, or any job for that matter.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Excuse my French, but vous serez parviennent pas tous vos examens cette semaine.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
A big surprise is coming your way. I know you have been avoiding Ebola victims, but you should have kept in mind that Leprosy is much more prominent in the U.S.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
I know you are going through a slight rough patch in your relationship, but it is about to get much, much, much worse.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
The stars are shining brightly for you this week, Virgo! A bright star is a very bad omen.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
You will be taking a trip this week. Have a nice fall.

Scorpio
October 23 – November 21):
Even though everyone thinks you're just being paranoid, your suspicions are correct. Take caution. Lock your doors. Close your shades. Don't leave your room for the next few weeks and avoid human contact at all costs.

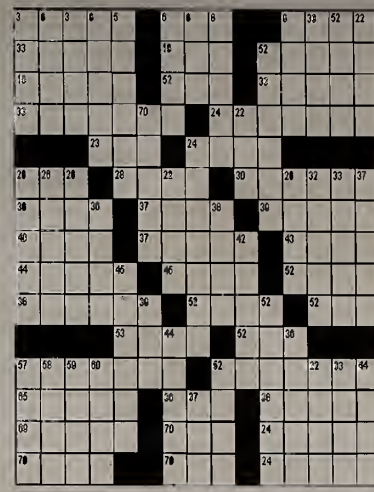
Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
You have been craving change in your life. The stars suggest quitting your job, selling your home, and pursuing your dream of being an Alaskan ice fisher.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
The look on your face will be priceless when your friend accidentally waxes off your entire eyebrow.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
I know that you've been having gut feelings about that life-changing decision you need to make, but that's just indigestion from too much DC food. Go take a Tums.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars don't seem to have much to say this week, Pisces. Spice up your life a bit and maybe they will take some interest in you.

games & leisure



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9. Golf club
13. Movie starring Sigourney Weaver
14. Nocturnal creature
15. Ambit
16. Wanderer
17. Body of water
18. Relative
19. Push down
21. Wrongdoing
23. Forty winks
24. Used as fuel
25. Man or boy
28. Small stream
30. Nuance
35. Part of the eye
37. Burden
39. Oddity
40. Solitary
41. Coherent
43. Secret agent, James
44. Remedy
46. Used to calculate net weight
47. Rim
48. Consortium
50. Rip
52. Long fish
53. Peel
55. Be seated
57. Monolithic
61. Enchant
65. Obviate
66. Fish eggs
68. Empower
69. Circumvent
70. By way of
71. Rhonchus
72. Actor, ___ McGregor
73. Tree
74. Surname of actress who played Arwen in The Lord of the Rings

Down
1. Part of a clock
2. Succulent, ___ vera
3. Hobble
4. Gain knowledge
5. Make attractive or lovable
6. Chinese god
7. Wonder
8. Incrimination
9. Magician's baton
10. One time only
11. Stare at
12. Action
15. Pastoral
20. Tumble
22. First name of actor who played Gandalf in The Lord of the Rings
24. Notice
25. Fragrant plant
26. Perfume
27. Buffet car
29. Oaf
49. First name of actress in 74 across
51. Compilation
54. Effrontery
56. Large marine food
57. Manufactured
58. Affirm
59. Soft drink
60. Part of the zodiac
61. Ray
62. Object of worship
63. Traditional knowledge
64. Pitcher
67. Fuel

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DUE DATE	MUSIC	SHELVES
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10/25	11 am	Men's Soccer v Worcester State	Alumni Field
10/25	2pm	9-5 The Musical	Dever Stage
10/25	2 pm	Home Coming Football v Bridgewater State	Alumni Field
10/25	7 30 pm	9-5 The Musical	Dever Stage
10/27	12 30 pm	Catherine Dower Dept Student Recitals	Dever Stage
10/27	3 30 pm	Billiards Club	University Hall
10/27	4 30 pm	Pumpkin Carving!	Campus Green
10/28		National Chocolate Day	Dining Commons
10/28	10 am	Vendor Bow Ties For Sale!	Ely Lobby
10/28	7 am	Class Registration For Banacos and Honors Students	Online
10/28	3 pm	Leadership Voyage - Financing Grad School	Owl's Nest
10/28	4 pm	Novelist Reading Judith Frank	Ely Library
10/29	4 30-8 pm	Apple Fest!	Dining Commons
10/29	6 30 pm	Embracing Our Diverse Hispanic Allied Health Providers	Horace Mann Center
10/29	7 pm	Men's Soccer v Western CT	Alumni Field
10/30	2 pm	Leadership Voyage - Time Management	SGA Club Room
10/30	4 pm	Westfield State Rugby—All Welcome	Stanley Park
10/30	5 pm	Design the Best Halloween Donut	Dunkin Donuts
10/30	7 pm	Annual GARP Movie & Food Drive	Ely Main Lounge
10/31	7 am	Class Registration For Seniors	Online
10/31	4 pm	Yoga	Wellness Center
10/31	4 30-8 pm	Halloween Dinner	Dining Commons
10/31	11 pm	CAB Bingo	Scanlon Banquet Hall

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CLUB

Student Government approves $7,275 proposal to fund new digital patient system for EMS Club

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association invested heavily in the Emergency Medical Services Club on Tuesday.

The Senate approved a finance proposal brought to the floor by Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, for the $7,275 required to fund their license to the AmbuPro software.

The software, which also requires hardware purchases, dramatically improves the service that the EMS Club provides by moving them away from carbon copy forms to a fully-featured software application.

The software works by allowing the EMTs on site to plug in patient information, vital signs, condition, and any other information that they find necessary.

They can also look at prior interactions with patients, which will help treat them better at the scene.

Michael Tryon, faculty advisor for the EMS Club, spoke to the Senate about the necessity of the new software.

He said that the software was important to the work that EMS does because it moves them away from the paper forms.

Tryon also praised the EMS Club for working to get the proposal down from over $15,000 to $7,275.

During the questions part of the motion, there was concern that the amount of the proposal would "break the bank."

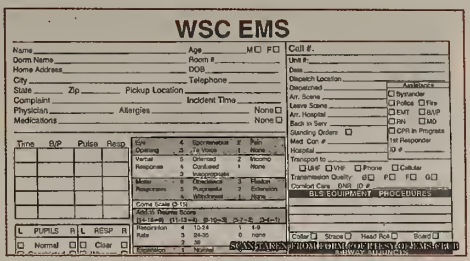
Ryan Losco, junior class president, asked about the financial solvency of the Finance Committee account and if there would be any possibility of looking at the reserves if the account runs out of money.

Carlin answered by saying there was plenty of money in reserves and that tapping into that could be considered if the occasion were to arise.

Losco, representative-at-large Alex Doming, senior class representative JJ Terlaga, sophomore class president Scott Seskevich, and senior class president Rich Darrach all commended the work that the EMS Club does.

They were supportive of the proposal. Terlaga led the Senate into a round of applause.

Senators fired off questions back and forth to Tryon, EMS chief Chris Sorge, and IT director Alan Blair. A couple of the questions dealt with the necessity to move to the electronic system.


WSC EMS

The now-former system of taking information about patients on the scene.

Tryon said that the electronic system was more effective for the EMTs, especially when there are patients who have been served by the club before. Also, the paper forms are a security risk, he said.

Blair, who has experience in hospital data security, spoke about how the university could be fined many millions of dollars if the paper forms went missing.

The Senate voted unanimously to allocate the money to the EMS Club, which was followed by a lengthy round of applause.

The proposal helped pay for the software and the expenses related to the software license. To use the software, two ToughBook laptops and one desktop unit were required to be purchased.

Westfield Fire donated two ToughBooks and the Westfield State IT Department found one desktop for the club to use, which brought the costs down dramatically.

'9 to 5' was a performance you shouldn't have missed

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

On Oct. 25, Westfield State University presented the musical 9 to 5. I really enjoyed the musical. This show was funny, entertaining, and the music was catchy.

The production was performed by none other than our very own Musical Theatre Guild.

I never saw or heard of 9 to 5 before, so I was not quite sure what to expect, but this performance definitely out did my expectations. I thought the way they transitioned from talking into singing was superb, like when Violet was teaching Judy how to work in the office. It is hard to do, and some musicals, such as High School Musical, are not good at it.

The story was pretty interesting, revolving around three girls working at an office run by a misogynistic boss that treats them unfairly. I liked how all three of their stories connected in the song "I Just Might" because it really made us feel for the characters. Everybody in the show sang beautifully and the solos were flawless.

The show was also comedic, which worked perfectly – for example, when Violet's son gave her cannabis or when they needed to tie up their boss. One character that made everyone laugh was Roz, who was Hart's assistant. When Roz sang "Heart to Heart," I swear the whole crowd was laughing because Roz was obsessed with Hart. Every musical needs a love story, and the relationship between Joe and Violet fulfills that need.

It was funny how Joe was so awkward with her, and it helped with Violet's character development as well. Overall, this musical was fantastic, and I will definitely give it a 10 out of 10 because the music and singing was great and the story kept me interested.

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STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Student Ambassadors throw a well-attended Halloween party for ICE program students

The attendees at the party, which was thrown by the Student Ambassadors for the ICE program students. Interim president Liz Preston was in attendance.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Ambassadors threw a Halloween party for the students in the Westfield State ICE program on Monday in the Owl's Nest.

Complete with hot chocolate, Dunkin' munchkins, and other desserts, attendees were treated to pumpkin decorating and a showing of Hocus Pocus.

Everyone was encouraged to show up in costume and there were certainly plenty of which to speak.

The attraction of the event was the donut eating contest.

Participants were lined up in front of a donut, which is tied onto a string. The donuts were suspended in the air by Ambassadors president Sarah Varghese and Al Fava.

The participants could not use their hands to eat the donut, but rather they had to use their mouth to grab a hold of it and eat it.

It was a hit; many of the attendees participated and had fun doing so.

One attendee said that party was a fun and had an inviting atmosphere.

"There were so many people there that were enthralled in all of the activity," he said.

He added, "While I did not participate in the donut eating contest, I was cheering on those who did."

The ICE program is in its second year at Westfield State. ICE, which stands for Inclusive Enrollment, takes students with special needs from area high schools and allows them to participate in Westfield State classes and activities.

Westfield State students are asked to be ICE mentors, and they guide the students through their time at Westfield. Many find their experience to be rewarding and have continued to the second year.

More information on the ICE program can be found with Lyndsey Nunes, program coordinator, in her office in Parenzo 214 or via email lnunes@westfield.ma.edu.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

After suspending all study abroad programs in Israel in August, the University of Massachusetts' International Risk Management Committee has decided to resume programs to the Middle Eastern state once again for the spring semester. This decision comes following "the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel" and the revised travel advisory from the U.S. State Department.

daily orange
Syracuse University

High demand for affordable housing is now motivating Syracuse University students to begin searching for next year's housing earlier than usual, spurring competition between students trying to get the best housing and landlords trying to persuade them to invest. With high demand for housing options, and some leases being signed earlier than usual, students now face pressure to act quickly.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Several Harvard affiliates are leading the effort to combat Ebola, both in labs and on the ground, and Harvard's new travel restrictions are unlikely to affect their work. Harvard's travel restrictions to areas of West Africa, announced last weekend, will help ensure safety without stifling the efforts of University affiliates to combat the Ebola epidemic on the ground, those familiar with the subject said late last week.

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crime log

On Oct. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 7:13p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 23, criminal harassment occurred between 12:01a.m. and 1:41p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case is closed.

On Oct. 23, counterfeit money was discovered at 12:00p.m. in the Horace Mann Center. The case is under investigation.

On Oct. 23, a rape, assault to rape, and indecent assault and battery occurred between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 12:15a.m. in the Apartment Complex. The case is under investigation.

On Oct. 23, a liquor law violation occurred at 4:00p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 24, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:04a.m. in the Dining Commons. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 24, a drug law violation occurred at 4:11p.m. in Lammers Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 24, a drug law violation occurred at 10:26p.m. in Juniper Park Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 24, a liquor law violation and a drug law violation occurred at 11:08p.m. in South Lot. The case resulted in an arrest.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:24a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:42a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 2:38a.m. in Dickinson Hall. A trespass notice was issued.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:28p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 7:44p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:00p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:44p.m. in Commuter Lot. A trespass notice was issued.

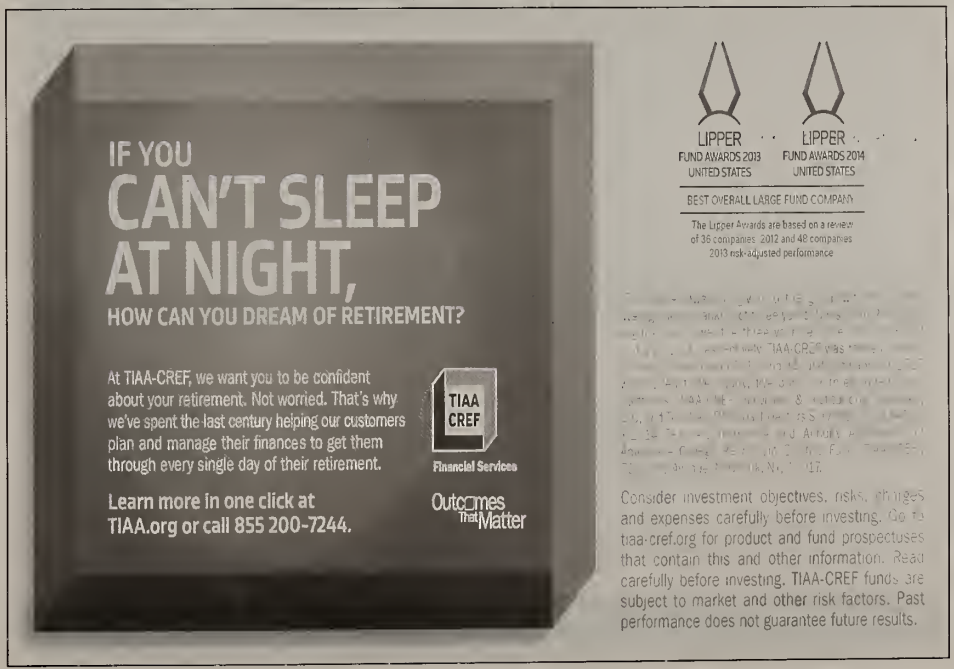
On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:13p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation and a drug law violation occurred at 11:14p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct and a trespass notice was issued.

On Oct. 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:35p.m. in New Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 2:05a.m. on Courtney Hall Road. An arrest was made.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.



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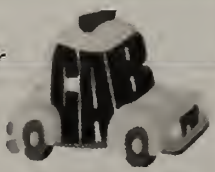

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Japanese studies expert, Harvard professor Ted Gilman to speak at Westfield State

From Press Release

Westfield State University will host Theodore "Ted" Gilman on Monday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall. Gilman will present his lecture "Pacifist No More? Japan's Right Turn under Abe."

Gilman will discuss Japan's "reinterpretation" of the war-renouncing Article 9 of the Constitution under current Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and its impact on Japan's relations with its neighbors and the United States.

Gilman is the executive director of the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University.

He sends more than 80 undergraduates to Japan annually to take courses, do internships, study Japanese language, and conduct independent field research.

He has published a book titled "No Miracles Here: Fighting Urban Decline in Japan and the United States," and he has lectured on the topic in Europe, Asia, and North America.

Gilman is a central player in the Sanriku Project, an ongoing effort to bolster redevelopment in the Minami-sanriku-cho community.

Hugh Jo, Westfield State assistant professor of political science, said Gilman's lecture is relevant to modern day Asia.

"The topic is timely and pertinent to the recent developments in Northeast Asia," said Jo. "Japan's relaxation of the constitutional prohibition on the use of force has been greeted with anxieties in the region.

Japan continues to overlook/whitewash its wartime atrocities during World War II, and is engaged in territorial disputes with its neighbors."

According to Jo, this conflict could also impact the U.S. economy. "A military conflict in Northeast Asia could well affect the United States' economic and security interests," Jo said.

"The United States relies heavily on the region for the supply of consumer goods; the U.S. is also bound with Japan and South Korea by mutual security defense agreements."

The event is free and open to the public. The Guest Lecture Series is supported by funding from the Academic Affairs budget to enhance student learning and service to the larger community.

An advisory committee with representation by the faculty and librarians, staff, and students review proposals and recommend selection of proposals for the year.

For more information on upcoming speakers in the Guest Lecture Series, please visit http://www.westfield.ma.edu/speakerseries.

from the voice vault

*This article was published in the **October 30, 2006** issue of* The Voice.

Voices Overheard

Halloween costume?

Lindsay Kushnet
Class of 2007
Psychology

" I was underage sex last year."

Jake Berezin
Class of 2009
Education

" I put on my spandex and pretended I was a biker."

Adam Keele
Class 2010
Undeclared

" Hunter S. Thomson from Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

Jane Torgersen
Class of 2010
Criminal Justice

"I was a left over. I dressed in tin foil and plastic wrap and had a sign on me that said Tuesday."

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The time to have the conversation is now: April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month

Cory Garwacki
Voice Reporter

While most of us think of April as the last stretch of the spring semester, others see it as National Organ Donor Awareness Month.

While it's okay for most college students to be thinking of housing sign-ups and finals, others are reminded this month of how precious life can be.

There is no greater gift that one person can give to another (or several people) than the gift of life, even after theirs has ended.

As tough a conversation as it may be, it is one that is so important to have.

As we all know, it takes just minutes to renew your license and at the same time have it marked that an individual is registered as an organ donor.

But, actually there is a common misconception here.

Even though you may have indicated your wishes on your license, when the time comes for this decision to be made, it is ultimately up to your family to make the final call, not simply an indication on your ID.

According to Donate Life New England (www.donatelifenewengland.org), a non-profit organization comprised of three federally designated organ procurement organizations that serve New England -- New England Organ Bank, LifeChoice Donor Services, and The Center for Donation and Transplant and the Connecticut Eye Bank -- there are

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currently "more than 110,000 men, women, and children in the United States waiting for a life-saving transplant."

As if that statistic isn't staggering enough, consider the equally eye-opening fact that each day, an average of 18 people die while waiting for this second chance at life.

Virtually any organ or tissue from our bodies can be considered for transplantation, including, but not limited to, kidney, heart, liver, lung, intestine, eye, pancreas, and bone marrow.

While the majority of organ transplants come from deceased individuals, it is becoming increasingly more commonplace for living-donor operations to occur, provided both parties are matches for blood type and other matters.

The most common living donor transplants are kidneys.

Each state in our nation has its own organ donor registry, which is how you are entered if you declare to become one on your license.

However, as stated earlier, if you do not make clear your wishes to your family members, they can override what your license says in the event that tragedy strikes.

According to www.organdonor.gov, "Even if you are a registered donor, it is essential that your family know your wishes. Your family may be asked to sign a consent form in order for your donation to occur."

If for no other reason than to ensure that you do one final noble deed before you leave this Earth, please have this vital conversation with your family now, for if you wait, you may never get that chance.

opinions & editorials

Advanced genetics deteriorate individualism

Ben Stohr
Voice Reporter

As studies in both genetics and biology continue to advance, the idea of genetic modification is beginning to surface. There might come a day when the question of having a child is not only when to have it but who exactly you would like to have. Maybe humans will eventually have the opportunity to create a child with specific desirable traits as if he or she was a character in a video game. So whom would you create?

A friend recently showed me an essay prompt for her "Ideas that Change the World" course at UMass Amherst. It read, "If you could genetically modify specific traits for your child to have, what would they be and why?" A sarcastic remark with a phallic undertone may have been my first response, but upon further reflection, I realized this was a much deeper question than I thought. What are the ideal traits for a person living on planet earth? What characterizes the term ideal?

I decided to get some input from some students on campus and ask them the prompt. One freshman, who chose to remain anonymous, said how he was going to school to be a gym teacher. He started by saying he would want, "A good athlete... a fast kid that can jump... he can be strong too." He added shortly after, "But I would want him to be a good kid too, nice and funny."

Interestingly enough, when asked to only pick one trait, he hesitated and picked a "nice personality," but would hope he would be "athletic regardless."

Another student on campus, who is undeclared, said that she would, "want them to be smart... book smart... to get into a good college." When asked about specific looks, she said, "I would want a blonde-haired blue-eyed child, those babies are the cutest." After thinking about just one trait to pick, she said, "I don't know, I don't think I could ever design a kid... as long as they were smart, I would love them... It would be really sick to have a really intelligent kid."

Professor Harry Seymour teaches sociology here at Westfield State. I asked him for his input on the topic, and his response was quite interesting. "I have no desire to manipulate... to make a more perfect human being, it is difficult to define what that means." He did add, however, that he would approve of, "screening for problems that are genetically related, like disease."

He closed out his statement by saying that "the notion of superior is where we fall because there is too much value in diversity."I sat and I thought hard about the question, then tried to visualize the ideal heir-to-the-throne that is my collegiate self. I think I would want a boy, but what would he look like? What would he excel in? These questions weren't as simple as I thought.

He has got to be good-looking, right? Based on my twitter feed's constant peer retweets of accounts like "@girlcode", "@tweetlikeagirl", and "@everygirl", I could say a mix of Leo DiCaprio, Channing Tatum, and Matthew McConaughey might get some attention in the female department. My genetically modified legacy would be a man-crush to all, a lady-killer (in the suave romantic sense, not the OJ Simpson, literal sense of the term). But how good-looking is too good-looking?

It then occurred to me that this might attract some people who only like my son for his looks. So I changed my mind to a perfectly under-the-radar looking guy. Not too handsome, not too ugly. Not too tall, not too short. If his looks were a set of data, he would be the median. Someone that would just fit in the mix without much initial judgment.

It would be the psychological advantages that would bring my median child to the spotlight. He would have excellent focus and critical thinking skills. He would be very literate, tech savvy, and sport a high IQ. All of these things would ensure an almost guaranteed success in practically any field of his choosing. But how smart is too smart?

If my modified son was so much smarter than all of his peers, he might become isolated and alone. In anything sci-fi, it always seems to be the "evil scientist who knows too much" that becomes the bad guy and tries to take over the world. Even Bradley Cooper in Limitless nearly went insane after becoming one of the smartest people around, so maybe a genetically enhanced super-genius is not exactly what I am looking for. So my son would instead be about average when it comes to brainpower.

Through all this thinking I was left with an average-looking guy with average brainpower. What a lame outcome. I could have made anyone, and I made someone quite forgettable. Maybe this is because there is no such thing as a truly desirable trait. Maybe there is no such thing as the perfect human being, considering imperfections and errors are what define us as a species.

In my opinion, these genetically enhanced beings would ironically end up being the furthest thing from human. History shows that humans have generally taken the good with the bad and built off their strengths instead of dwelling on their weaknesses.

To my knowledge, Albert Einstein never tried being a supermodel or tried playing professional basketball, nor did LeBron James try his hand at a doctoral degree in astrophysics. Everybody has something to bring to the table, and we do not need advanced genetic treatment to prove that.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Russian unannounced flights alarm NATO

Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

This past Tuesday and Wednesday, a Russian military aircraft flew into NATO airspace with near radio silence and no pre-submitted flight plan. The increase in both the size and military scale of the aircraft has raised alarm amongst NATO officials, who are already on edge from the recent escalation of hostilities between Russia and Western Powers. Normally this increase in "military exercises" would be received with less scrutiny, but due to the continual support of Ukrainian Rebels and other provocations, NATO is justly alarmed.

According to CNN, multiple squadrons of Russian bombers and tanker aircrafts flew under the disguise of in-border military maneuvers and were detected/monitored over sections of the Baltic, North, and Black Seas. According to an unspecific press release from NATO, an "unusual level of air activity over European airspace" was detected because of the Russian aircraft.

One of the main causes for the escalated concern was that none of the aircrafts filled the customary flight plans or kept contact with the aviation authorities of the respected zones.

NATO officials declared this as a "potential risk to civil aviation" as a result of air traffic control having no ability to detect the aircraft and guarantee non-interference with the civilian flights.

An official from our government spoke to CNN regarding recent interactions between our aircraft and Russian pilots as "problematic."

NATO reported that Norwegian F-16s were scrambled and intercepted eight Russian aircraft over the North Sea. Though most of the Russian aircrafts turned and headed back to Russia, two bombers continued on their undisclosed flight path. The bombers were later identified and intercepted by Portuguese fighters.

Members of the Royal Air Force (RAF) were scrambled as two more Russian planes were detected heading towards the Atlantic. Though the flight path they took suggested they were heading back toward Russia, as of our press time there was no report that they landed in Russia..

Speculation is that Russia will be increasing unannounced air exercises over European airspace. Though none of the planes have committed provocative behavior besides radio silence, NATO officials are still weary of the increase activity.

If my understanding is correct, this is coming alongside a nearing election in the eastern, rebel Ukraine that is unrecognized by the EU and US; however, because of Russia's inability to withdraw military forces from beyond their borders, economic sanctions are expected to stay in place and increase in severity.

My issue with this recent unexpected military flight is that NATO seemed as if they were caught off-guard. In my opinion, which is normally a good one, NATO should be on alert for unusual military activity from Russia. It is the simple idea that if you are in a hostile relation with a nation that can be unaffected by territoriality – the idea that, if a nation was to invade, they would be inflicted with unacceptable losses – you should be on high alert 24/7 until the situation defuses.

I understand that the current situation in Ukraine has raised considerable concerns from all parties involved and that this sort of conflict needs to be sorted out. In fact, this needed to be solved yesterday.

This does, however, raise another alarming question: Are the sanctions on Russia worth it? If Russia is still able to mobilize its military and spend millions on the fuel costs for these aircrafts, the sanctions seem to be too weak. In theory, if you put on sanctions, it should be to disable whatever threats the offending nation posses; however, if Russia (who is considered a threat in Ukraine) only has military power as a threat, would it not be wiser to cripple its ability to mobilize?

If anything, this debacle has illustrated to Russia that NATO is poorly prepared for any hostile action it wishes to take and that the international sanctions are clearly not a deterrent to the Kremlin.

While the situation continues to escalate, we here in the US must decide what would happen if Russia entered in open hostilities in both Ukraine and the European Union. I believe it is better to be prepared than to be left scrambling and scratching our heads when we are caught off-guard like NATO.

Student Spotlight

by Cory Garwacki, Voice Columnist

If you or somebody you know would like to be featured in the Student Spotlight, please email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu. We will also accept faculty, staff, or athlete recommendations.

Sydney Judge
Sunderland, Mass.
Biology major

1. Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus when not in class? Why?
Personally, I enjoy being at the gym because it's always a nice break from my dorm.

2. What has been your favorite class here at Westfield State? Why?
So far my favorite classes have been biology because it's what I'm most interested in and my professor is really great.

3. Your most recent "weird dream" was...? (Keep it clean!)
I recently had a dream that I was on the soccer team here, which is odd because I've never played soccer.

4. Favorite television show to watch and why?
I know it might sound pretty superficial, but I enjoy watching 'Gossip Girl.' The girls on it have such awesome style and it is entertaining.

5. Where do you realistically see yourself in five years after college? Be as specific but brief as possible.
I plan on having a job as a physician's assistant five years after graduating from Westfield State.

6. If money were no concern, briefly describe your dream vacation?
It would probably be somewhere in Europe. I travelled to the Netherlands in 2011 so going back there some day would just be amazing.

7. Most important non-physical attribute in deciding to enter a relationship with a girl/boy (i.e. humor, honesty, sincerity, wealth, intelligence, etc.)?
A good sense of humor and the desire to succeed in life are both important attributes to me.

This week, we found out that columnist emeritus Cory Garwacki '14, passed away this past Sunday. Cory was a member of the writing staff for The Westfield Voice throughout his time at this university. Although we are sad, we are glad to have known Cory.

People grieve in different ways, and so if students find that they would like to write and publish their pieces about Cory, please send them to us via email.

We offer our condolences to Cory's family in this difficult time.

Joshua Clark and Andrew Burke, Co-Editors-in-Chief
and the rest of
The Westfield Voice staff

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Joe Gentile
Southampton, Mass.
Communications major

1. Where is your favorite place to hang out on campus when not in class? Why?
My favorite place to hang out on campus when I am not in class is the Ely 3rd floor lounge because it is nice and quiet plus I have a beautiful view of the entire campus.

2. What has been your favorite class here at Westfield State? Why?
My favorite class here at Westfield State has been Principles of Video Production because I enjoyed making creative videos.

3. If you were to host a dinner party with three of the most influential people in your life, other than family members, who would you like to invite and why? (They could be living or deceased.)
1. Michael Jordan - I grew up idolizing him.
2. Chuck Norris - Because it's Chuck Norris
3. Will Ferrell - I think he is the funniest guy so having him for dinner would be cool.

4. Your most recent "weird dream" was...? (Keep it clean!)
My most recent "weird dream" was that I was the last person on Earth after an alien invasion (for some reason) and it was so weird that after a while I decided to join the aliens and live on their planet

5. Favorite television show to watch and why?
My favorite television show to watch is 'Family Guy' because it is hilarious and I have enjoyed/watched every episode

6. Where do you realistically see yourself in five years after college? Be as specific but brief as possible.
I see myself having a good/well-paying job, maybe being engaged, and having my college loans paid.

7. If money were no concern, briefly describe your dream vacation?
My dream vacation would be a trip to Italy to go back to where my grandparents came from. Check out my family's heritage, visit family/sights, etc.

7. Most important non-physical attribute in deciding to enter a relationship with a girl/guy (i.e. humor, honesty, sincerity, wealth, intelligence, etc.)?
The most important attribute in deciding to have a relationship with a girl/guy is honesty because without it, the whole thing could be a lie and nobody likes being lied to.

from the editor's desk

westfield.ma.edu is not nearly as good as old.westfield.ma.edu

Let's face it. The new university website is deplorable.

It is almost comically disastrous.

Navigating to anywhere on that website requires a treasure map and a guest appearance from Nicholas Cage.

When the team came from New City to help the university design its new website, I was initially excited.

My thoughts were, "Anything that can be done to that website would be an improvement."

Numerous groups sat in on sessions with the team from New City to discuss our opinions of the university and what we wanted to see from the new website.

We were promised that those ideas would make it into the new site and that it would leaps and bounds better.

We all left those meetings highly encouraged.

At the end of one of those meetings, I got to talk to one of the people as they were packing up their belongings.

He asked me what some of my problems with the old site were. I told him that it took forever to find something. I gave him the example of when I was putting the fall semester final exam schedule in this newspaper.

It took me twenty minutes of searching on the website before I gave up and googled it.

He replied back with an affirmation that my concerns were heard loud and clear.

Imagine my surprise when I navigate onto westfield.ma.edu two or three months later and find what we were left with.

One of the biggest gripes of my focus group was that it took forever for a current student or whoever to find anything.

New and improved for Fall 2014: an even longer wait time!

When I was putting together the Orientation Guide for the first issue of this year, it took me about a half-hour to find where the marketing office had their website.

I must have looked under a dozen different links. When I finally found the "A-Z Offices and Departments" link, it felt like the semester already passed.

While it is true that the websites are supposed to be designed with the prospective student in mind, the new website does not win over the graduate school applicant in me no more than the old website does.

Then again, maybe I am biased.

If you are feeling nostalgic, or wanting to get some actual work done, and you want to visit the old Westfield State website, you can log onto old.westfield.ma.edu.

Most of the links still work and I find its usability is much better than the new website.

Joshua Clark is a senior history major and the editor-in-chief of The Westfield Voice.

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LADIES LIFESTYLE

Simple dorm room DIY projects

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

Dorm rooms are usually not the most exciting places to live. Each room has the same furniture and can be very impersonal. I am always finding ways to put a personal touch in decorating my room and finding new ways to make it unique.

Your dorm room is your home away from home, so it is important to make it a place where you feel comfortable and happy. Do-it-yourself projects are a great way to decorate because you can choose the colors, designs, and sayings. Here are two simple projects that are easy and inexpensive.

Painted TV Tray Table

Over the summer I found an old TV tray table that was going to be thrown out. I thought I would repurpose it and use it in my dorm room. I needed a small table anyway, and this was a great opportunity to recycle something that I already had in my house. This project took me an afternoon to complete and was very simple to make. I chose a light pink for the top of the table and white for the legs.

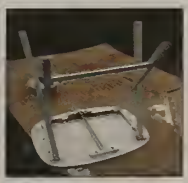
I already had the paint I used at my house, however, at most hardware stores there are paint samples you can buy that are inexpensive. Also, at most hardware stores in the paint department, there is an area with discounted paints. Most of the discounted paints have either been opened or have slight imperfections but are fine to use for small DIY projects.

Materials:
- Table
- Paint
- Brushes
- Paint Mixer
- Large piece of cardboard or newspapers

Instructions:

1. Wash the table outside

2. Place the table on top of the cardboard or newspapers and let dry
3. With the table face down, start painting the legs of the table then paint the underside of the table



4. Let the first coat dry and then repeat step 3
5. Stand the table upright and paint the table surface
6. Let the first coat of the table surface dry and paint a second coat.
7. Touch up any imperfections

Drawer Knobs

The desk and dresser drawers in my dorm room have no knobs or handles and opening them can get annoying at times. I thought it would be fun to add my own knobs to my drawers to make it easier to open the drawers as well as give my room a more personal touch.

This project was very simple and took only a few minutes to complete. You can choose any knobs that you like, but make sure they have a flat back. Some knobs have a screw on the back that will get in the way of you trying to put them on your drawer. Also make sure the command strips that you use are not the Velcro kind because they will not be strong enough.

Materials:
- Knob (with a flat back)
- Command strips

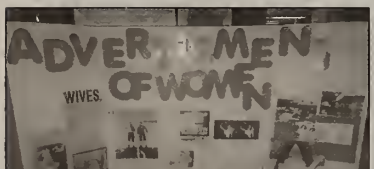
Instructions:

1. Cut the command strip to fit the backside of the knob

2. Stick to the desired spot on the drawer.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

2014 Feminist Fair conveys important messages



The 2014 Feminist Fair was held in the Ely lobby this year. Students worked on multiple display boards that described gender equality in television, advertisements, and social media. Gender equality has made great strides since the movement began.

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

This year the Feminist Fair was held again, hosted by Dr. Shoba S. Rojgopal and her Ethnic and Gender Studies students.

There were posters raising awareness for breast cancer, such as the Ray of Hope Foundation and the 11.6 million dollars they have raised locally in Western Massachusetts in the last 20 years. They also displayed some of the injustices towards women and the LGBQT community in the past that have been since ingrained in our culture.

Feminism is a global movement. For thousands of years, women have faced inequality and are still suffering today.

One group said that 90% of women felt pressured by beauty standards and have been influenced since age 14 or younger.

One table showed how in the last few years gender equality has been incorporated in media. An example was the Netflix series, Orange is the New Black.

Vinnie Daponte, a senior studying ethnic and gender studies, said that this was his third year at the Feminist Fair. To him, it is important because he realizes that women still have not reached economic equality to men. "Feminism is for the rights of women, and women earn only 70 to 80 cents for every dollar that men earn [for the same job]," he said.

Other topics the students covered were Asian stereotypes in movies and TV shows (as well as video games), women portrayed in post-colonial cinema (based on the course provided here), and body issues.

One table provided "100 actions to improve your self-esteem," including tips to help others, maintaining a healthy body to feel good, and expansion in the community service. Belitza Perez, also a senior and ethnic and gender studies and Spanish double major said, "Many women may be forced to be silent in their actions and words, but their thoughts cannot be overpowered."

Before writing this article, I heard a group of guys laughing, saying they wish they could slam another man down and make him feel like Ray Rice's wife.

Comments like that are why we still need feminism and prove that it still has a long way to go before we can reach the equality women de-

serve.

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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Bang Bang - Jessie J
4. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
5. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
6. Don't Tell 'Em - Jeremih Ft YG
7. Animals - Maroon 5
8. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
9. Hot Boy - Bobby Shmurda
10. Don't - Ed Sheeran

top 10 albums

1. Anything Goes - Florida Georgia Line
2. Old Boots, New Dirt - Jason Aldean
3. Ride out - Bob Seger
4. rose ave. - You+Me
5. Partners - Barbra Streisand
6. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith
7. Blood Moon: Year of the Wolf - The Game
8. People Keep Talking - Hoodie Allen
9. Songs of Innocence
10. Sweet Talker - Jessie J

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5. The Book Of Life
6. St. Vincent
7. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
8. The Best Of Me
9. Dracula Untold
10. The Judge

upcoming releases

1. ABCS Of Death 2
2. All You Need Is Love
3. Before I Go To Sleep
4. God The Father
5. Horns
6. Big Hero 6
7. Interstellar
8. Missionary
9. Maps To The Stars
10. The Great Invisible

COLLEGE MUSIC JOURNAL

WSKB Rocks CMJ's Music Marathon

Jake Lekan
Voice Reporter

Tbe bright lights, estranged streets, and classic tourist destinations frequent the travels of your average NYC patron, but during College Music Journal (CMJ), the city opens its doors to tens of thousands of students, music makers, movers, and shakers for an unforgettable experience like no other. CMJ writes the charts; artists that make waves at CMJ will champion next year's headlines.

Last week ten student board members, one alumnus, and two faculty advisors from WSU's own WSKB Radio Club made their annual journey to NYC to test the waters at College Music Journal's Music Marathon for a cultural event that dwarfs any summer music festival or concert. This is truly a marathon. For 25 years, WSKB has been sending a contingent of rockers and music geeks to CMJ to represent and engage with the cutting edge of the music industry.

CMJ's Music Marathon maximizes five relentless days and nights of back-to-back shows and panels that could change the lives and eardrums of everyone involved. The Marathon combines the awesome potential of 80+ venues with more than 1,400 artists from around the world. The schedule for live music shows begins in the afternoon and late night acts are scheduled to play even beyond four in the morning for those hearty enough to keep listening.

Members of WSKB are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity by mingling and networking with music industry professionals, bands, labels, and promoters with a chance to make lasting professional connections.

During the days NYU allows CMJ Badge holders to attend panels with topics of discussion like: "Social Activism in the Music Community," "Reinventing the Steel: Finding Metal's next Big Bands," and "Big Names & Beach Balls: Music Festival Marketing," just to name a few. Of course, there were also a few dozen panels, roundtables, mixers, and workshops revolving around college radio, band management, production, publicizing and promotions, graphics arts, and social media. Some lucky WSKB members even got invited to attend a session at Engineer Room Audio with the band Highs and got a genuine insider's look at how things work in the music business.

When the sun sets on the city that never sleeps, music halls and venues alike fill to capacity with eager enthusiasts in search of the next big name to hit the scene. In this setting, music is the lifeblood that fuels the dreams of champions.

Keep your ear to the pulse; WSKB 89.5 listeners should keep their ears open for CMJ 2014 favorites, which you are likely to hear on 89.5 FM in coming weeks and months, including: The Kills, Faded Paper Figures, Highs, Zella Day, Cold War Kids, Foster the People, SKATERS, Fat White Family, Bad//Dreems, The Kickdrums, and King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard.

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down

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Bri Dotson
Voice Contributor

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down is a novel by Anne Fadiman that showcases the battles of a Hmong family and how their cultural differences clash with the American Medical System.

The book revolves around the conflict of Lia Lee's epilepsy treatment; the Lee family wants to treat their daughter, Lia, with traditional Hmong epileptic remedies and rituals, whereas the Merced Hospital doctors want to treat Lia with Western Medicine.

Although this book won the National Book Critics Circle Award for General Nonfiction, it is not a strong choice for First-Year Students. Fadiman's use of Hmong terminology, her tedious explanations about Lia's epileptic conditions, the continuous movement between Lia's struggles in and out of the hospital, and Fadiman's personal experience with the Lee family left me uninterested in reading further.

The first chapter starts off with Lia Lee's birth, and the reader learns about the Hmong traditions and practice of giving birth to a child. Right off the bat, Fadiman throws out Hmong terms that you are expected to learn and apply to the text immediately. This includes: txiv neeb, which is a "...shaman who was believed to have the ability to enter a trance, summon a posse of helpful familiars," (Fadiman 4).

The word dab is used quite often in the novel, which is a "malevolent spirit." There are many other Hmong terms used, including: nrhuj nrhawv, lis loos, qeej, and roam yeeb. These terms are used frequently, which complicates the text, especially for a first-year student. It was difficult reading a chapter that used an abundance of the Hmong language.

While I was trying to read at a normal pace, I would have to stop and go back to the first chapter and look up the meanings again. After looking up the definitions of the complicated Hmong language, I would have to re-read the whole page just to make sense of it.

Throughout the text, Fadiman could have restated the meanings of the words to make the reading a little bit easier.

The novel centers on Lia's struggle with the Hmong traditions contrasted with American healthcare traditions. Another factor that this novel difficult to follow was how the chapters were scattered and did not focus on the plot at all.

It would go from chapter eight (Fadiman getting a makeover by Foua to get a husband) to chapter nine (Lia's daily schedule to follow) without any correspondence.

Reading such different chapters consecutively made my mind wander all over the place and wonder what the real purpose of this book was. As a first-year student, I was expecting a novel that was more organized and that followed a coherent plot.

Another reason I do not suggest that this novel be read by first-year students because it is very uninteresting, especially for college students. The majority of young adults tend to read teen fiction novels or sports magazines. After reading this book, it seems to me that the target audience for this novel is middle-aged people.

It focuses on medicine and culture, which are topics that

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college students do not usually read for leisure. The content of the chapters was extremely boring; I felt like every time I read, I was reading the same thing over again about how MCMC's (Merced Community Medical Center) medicine made Lia sick and that she was going to die any second.

For example, in chapter thirteen the novel reads, "I was sure she was dying," (Fadiman 176) and in chapter fifteen, "For more than two years, her doctors had been waiting for her to die, and her parents had been confounding them with their ability to keep her alive" (Fadiman 210). Reading chapter by chapter made the novel much more tedious than it needed to be, which caused the book to be uninteresting.

Although The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down by Anne Fadiman got great reviews by The New York Times and The New Yorker, I strongly believe that this novel is appropriate for a different audience because there are interesting topics discussed like cultural traditions and medical terms.

This would appeal to other people but definitely not young adults who are interested in more popular and trending topics such as teen romance and mystery.

Especially for a first-year student, I do not recommend this novel because of the challenging Hmong terminology, scattered chapters, and confusing story line.

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Meghan Keefe
Voice Contributor

In Anne Fadiman's debatably interesting yet tedious cross-cultural nonfiction, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures, a first-year read for students entering their freshman year at Westfield State University, Fadiman recounts her own experience with the Hmong culture with a view into their lives, history, and personal accounts.

A not-so-fully recommendable novel, subtitled A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, And the Collision of Two Cultures, it seems to sum up the narrative piece to a whole. A Hmong Child, American doctors, and a collision between the Hmong and American culture each have their own opening and closing in this first-year read and invite readers to gain insight on cultural barriers and learn about the preexisting cultural differences.

College students read about highly educating and debated subject matter that is discussed regularly. Readers are also dragged into a piece that dulls various elongated subjects. Fadiman's, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, is a differentiating read in which the journalist personally drew me in with the epitome of cultural barrier controversy and conflicts, yet lessened my own interest with her tendency to switch between the captivating story of a Hmong family and their severely sick daughter Lia Lee and the monotonous background information on Hmong history.

The vividly-written piece by Fadiman introduces the story of Lia Lee, a Hmong child who was put in the hands of American doctors, and the effects of Western medicine in an effort to treat her severe case of epilepsy, rather than her own traditional Hmong family. Lia's parents, Foua and Nao Kao Lee, dispute with the doctors quite often regarding how Lia's illness should be treated.

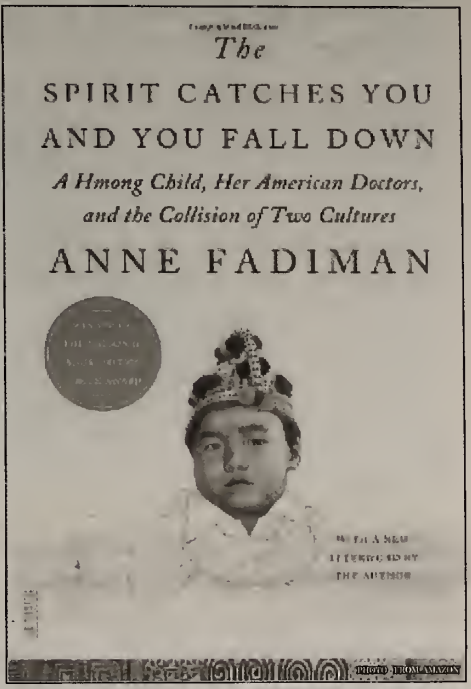
This puts Lia through a set of preexisting rituals of the Hmong culture to bring her to health. Fadiman tells readers how the cultural barriers among Western and traditional Hmong medicine, beliefs, rituals, and practices affect curing Lia Lee's epilepsy. These cultural barriers also lead to Lia's parents' refusal to potentially cure her with Western Medicine.

The American culture saw a cure through western medicine, whereas the Hmong saw a cure through spiritual practices rather than medical.

As the nonfiction of the Hmong Lee family routes outward, they do not only find a cultural collision with the medical treatments, but the American doctors find error in the spiritual practices and the Hmong culture itself.

The disagreement between the two seems to drag on through the story as the one foreign culture living amidst the American culture creates tension and miscommunication, and Fadiman portrays a refreshing reminder of how difficult existing cross-cultural barriers conflict. The Hmong family brought Hmong culture to Lia Lee in the hospital, and when scared they fled with their beloved child, removing Lia from modern medicine. This upset the American doctors and their efforts; however, Fadiman continued the narrative by explaining why the Hmong family and their people did what they did, which lengthened the book with deep family history, heavy research of her own, and detail-oriented information, creating a setback for readers such as myself. While focusing on how Lia Lee suffered from her severe epilepsy throughout her time among the Americans, Fadiman also wove in the history of the Hmong people and their struggles. It almost seemed as if Fadiman was trying to weave two books into one, which took away from the main story.

While Fadiman could have proceeded her novel with a summation of the history in short, she dulled the book and



Lia's story with her historical addition; however, a Hmong history so broad with the specificity to the issues concerning their culture created a background to Lia and her family's beliefs and brought an image of understanding the Hmong culture. In Fadiman's The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, as Lia's illness ends the narrative, leaving Lia Lee still alive yet brain dead, Fadiman concludes her own experiences with the Hmong family, addressing her theme of the issue of cultural and professional ignorance to her audience. Although the narrative had a few setbacks, such as heavy research and a lengthy historical background, the life-teaching nonfiction sets a foot in the door of Fadiman's audience.

This narrative of a Hmong family who faces cultural collision teaches a valuable lesson on culture that specifically targeted college-level reader. Fadiman ended the narrative with a sense of equality between cultures and gave her audience a cultural experience that could potentially change peoples' viewpoints, including my own.

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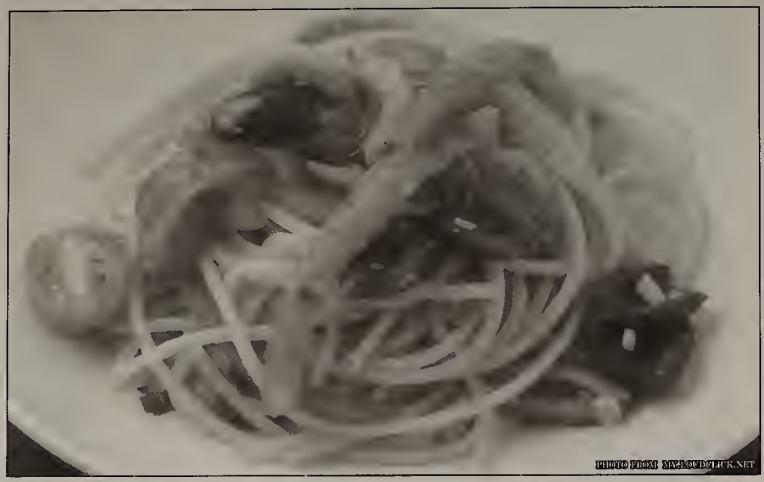
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For the readers of this column, what you are about to read may conjure images of a broken record or one of those annoying ten-hour loop videos found on the internet. I am, once again, talking about how food brings people together. Hopefully, however, I'll be able to put a different spin on the reappearance of this ever-present theme.

The main reason I bring up friends and food is because I received a complaint from a friend of mine last week, which read along the lines of: why haven't we been in your column yet? Looking back over the past eight weeks, I realized she was right.

So often had I written about friends and family in previously published editions that it became, as stated, a running theme; however, this semester, I have been rather lackadaisical in writing about friends and family mainly because I sought not to be repetitive.

Well, as the great chef and television personality Jacques Pepin once said: "You learn through endless repetition until it belongs to you."

He was speaking of technique in terms of handling the preparation of food, but I think the quote can apply to writing as well. There are several running themes throughout this column that are about more than just food.

I have often been told by those who read this column that it is written in a way that is more akin to that of a lifestyle column. In many ways, that statement is true. I try to convey to you what I feel to be important in life, and I do that through food.

Food is a connecting point for every human being on the planet. Food forces us to share more than just a meal; it forces us to share an experience. I have often heard it said from those of older generations that some of their fondest memories involved sitting around the dinner table and sharing a meal with their loved ones.

So, in many ways, you could argue that the main theme of this column is love. I would not counter or disagree with you in any way. As I have been taught throughout my whole life: food is love. It is always important to remember that food is more than just a means of sustenance.

As many know, I am involved in the Student Theatre Association's production of Freakshow by Carson Kreitzer. I am working with extremely talented actors and designers, all of whom bring great energy to the show. Now, while this may seem like a non-sequitur or a shameless promotion of the show, I assure you that only the latter is true.

My point in bringing this up is that it is always important for a cast and crew to bond whilst working on a show, and what better way to do that than through food?

While all of us have been extremely busy with a multitude of different things, we are still managing to find those small windows of free time to bond as a cast. I have been told, mainly by my friends Hannah and Courtney, that another Chopped style challenge is on the horizon.

This time around they have vowed to give me more obscure and challenging ingredients. I am not worried; in fact, I am looking forward to it.

Even if the ingredients are strange, it is always a joy to have friends actively engaged in the cooking process, even if they are just watching.

Having friends over for food is always fun. It can be a little stressful when there are too many people in the kitchen, but overall the experience is one to be savored.

I love cooking and I love my friends. Having them over for a meal gives me an impetus to cook and cook well, because there is nothing like a good meal shared with good friends.

As promised, here is a simple recipe for this edition: Bell Pepper Pasta.

Enjoy!

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene! And Happy Halloween!

BELL PEPPER PASTA
(Serves 1)
Ingredients:
- 1 bell pepper, chopped fine
- ½ an onion, chopped fine
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- Pasta (any kind will do) Olive Oil
- Salt & Pepper
- Basil
- Red Pepper Flakes

Instructions:
1. Bring a pot of water to boil.
2. In a sauce pan, over medium-high heat, heat the olive oil and add the bell pepper, onion, and garlic. Cook until the onions and garlic are soft.
3. Add salt to the boiling water then throw in the pasta.
4. In the sauce pan, add tomato, basil, red pepper flakes, and salt and pepper to taste. Cook for the length it takes the pasta to be al dente.
5. Once the pasta is al dente, remove it from the boiling water and add it to the sauce. Mix thoroughly.
6. Serve immediately with good bread.

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OWLS FOOTBALL

Owls drop homecoming game to Bridgewater

The Owls fell to 4-3 on the season with Sunday's loss to Bridgewater. They face Fitchburg on Saturday.

Michael Barry
Voice Reporter

This year's Annual Homecoming foothall game was a fight to the very end as the Westfield Owls lost a heartbreaker to conference the rival Bridgewater State Bears 27-23 on Saturday.

Westfield came into the game with a record of 4-2, and a conference victory would have given them a crucial push in the MASCAC standings as they head towards the end of the season.

With the added pressure of playing on Homecoming during Westfield's Alumni Weekend, the pressure was on the Owls to perform.

The game was scoreless after the first quarter as both teams failed to find its stride and put points on the hoard early on.

Other than a lone interception hy Joey Mespelli on the Westfield 22 yard line during the Bears' opening drive, every offensive possession in the first quarter ended in a punt.

The Bears struck first with a two-yard touchdown run hy Alex McLaughlin, giving Bridgewater State a 7-0 lead. The Owls answered hack with 2:03 left in the half from a nine-yard touchdown run by quarterhack Steve Guercio.

Guercio finished the game with an impressive 374 yards passing, a career high for the senior.

The second half began as slow as the first one did with both teams failing to score. It wasn't until 4:20 left in the third quarter when Bridgewater's Matthew Greene scored on a 95-yard touchdown reception to put the Bears up 14-7.

It wasn't until the fourth quarter that the momentum began to pick up for both teams. The Owls received the kick off from Bridgewater State after their third quarter touchdown.

Guercio showed grace under pressure as he led the Owls in a 75-yard touchdown drive that ended in a six yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Peter Knowles.

Westfield completed a gutsy two-point conversion after the touchdown to put them a 15-14 lead, their first of the game.

Bridgewater's offense took no time in responding to the Owls' touchdown.

Unlike Westfield's long possessing drive, the Bears scored quick with a 99 yard heave to receiver Matthew Greene.

Bridgewater attempted a two-point conversion and failed following the touchdown, making the score 20-15 Bears.

The Owls wasted no time as the offense orchestrated another lengthy touchdown drive. A 33-yard touchdown pass to Colby Bestek to put the Owls ahead 23-20.

Just three plays into the following Bridgewater drive, quarterhack Danny Higgins threw a crucial interception to Westfield freshman Jordan Brown on the

BSU 43-yard line. With the lead and possession at the end of the game the Owls were in perfect position to run the clock out. However, the Westfield gained just 43 yards on 41 rush attempts, which ultimately led to their demise.

After a disappointing seven-play drive Westfield was forced to punt the hall hack to Bridgewater with 2:57 left to play on the game.

Starting at their own 14-yard line, the Bears marched down the field on an Owls defense that had no answer for Bridgewater's passing attack.

With just 41 seconds left Higgins hit Greene in the end zone for the third time putting the Bears up 27-23 and sealing an Owl defeat.

With the loss the Owls fell to 4-3 on the season. Westfield plays their next game at Fitchhurg State this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Women's soccer continues strong season against MCLA

WSU Athletic Department

Senior midfielder Sarah Sypek (Hampshire Regional/Westhampton, Mass.) scored a pair of goals and assisted on another to lead Westfield to a 5-1 win over Massachusetts College of Liheral Arts in women's soccer at Alumni Field on Saturday.

Westfield is now 10-2-2-on the season and is riding a 10 match unheaten streak. The Owls are 4-0-1 in conference play.

Sypek netted the first goal of the match in the 25th minute, running on to a through ball from Ashleigh Chretien on the left side and firing a hard shot that glanced of the hands of MCLA goalkeeper Katy Daly (Cairo-Durham/South Cairo, NY) and into the top of the net for a 1-0 Westfield lead.

The Owls' Amanda Grant (Westfield/Westfield, Mass.) tallied just 1:47 later, getting a through ball from Sypek on the left side, and firing a shot low to the far side netting for a 2-0 owls lead.

Christina Buonopane (Stoneham/Stoneham, Mass.) scored her first goal of the season in the 31st minute to goive Westfield a 3-0 edge at halftime. Ashley Bovat (Westfield/Westfield, Mass) and Sypek added goals for the Owls in the early stages of the second half to give Westfield a 5-0 lead.

MCLA finally got on the scoreboard in the 81st minute, with Natalie Caney (Belchertown/Belchertown, Mass.) scoring on a penalty kick after a foul in the penalty area. Caney's boot was high to the left side and out of reach of Westfield reserve goalkeeper Lauren Clark (Whitman/Whitman, Mass.), who played the final 27 minutes of the match, making two saves. Anne Stack (East Longmeadow/East Longmeadow, Mass.) started and played the first 63 minutes in goal for the Owls, hut did not face a shot on goal.

Westfield out shot MCLA 24-7, held a 12-5 edge in shots on goal, and a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks.

Daly played all 90 minutes in goal for the Trailblazers and made seven saves. MCLA drops to 3-10-1 on the season and 1-4 in the MASCAC.

Westfield will face Worcester State in a key MASCAC game next Saturday at noon in Worcester. MCLA will play Bridgewater next Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

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Broncos Come To Town

New England faces toughest test of season against Peyton Manning and Denver at home

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

Tom Brady threw for 354 yards and five touchdowns as the Patriots steamrolled their way to victory, defeating the Chicago Bears, 51-23.

Brady completed 30 of 35 passes in one of the best games of his career, with the five incompletions being dropped passes. Patriots rookie quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo came in to relieve Brady towards the end of the game.

Bears quarterback Jay Cutler completed 20 of 30 passes for 227 yards, three touchdowns, and one interception, while Matt Forte carried the hall 19 times for 114 yards, hut no touchdowns. With the loss, the Bears drop to 3-5 on the season, including losses in four out of their last five games.

Less than five minutes into the game, the Patriots struck first with a six yard touchdown pass from Brady to Gronkowski. From there, the Patriots never looked back.

The Patriots went up 17-0 about midway through the second quarter following a Tim Wright touchdown pass from Tom Brady. After Forte's 25 yard touchdown catch from Cutler, Brady answered back by hitting Rob Gronkowski for the second time of the night to put the Pats up 24-7.

The Patriots defense was also spot on throughout the night. Linebacker Rob Ninkovich recovered a fumble and ran it in for a touchdown to give the Patriots a 38-7 lead just before the half. Shortly after, on the Bears' ensuing drive, Patriots cornerback Darrelle Revis picked off Cutler's pass for the last play of the first half.

In the second half, the Patriots continued to dominate. Brady threw a 46 yard touchdown pass to Gronkowski to open up the second half. After Martellus Bennett caught a 20 yard touchdown pass from Jay Cutler that made it 45-15 following the ensuing two-point conversion, Stephen Gostkowski made a 27 yard field goal to open up the fourth quarter. Soon after, Alshon Jeffery caught a touchdown pass from Cutler to make it 48-23 Patriots after another two-point conversion.

Patriots rookie running back Jonas Gray was the team's leading rusher, carrying the hall 17 times for 86 yards. Shane Vereen was held to a mere five carries for 22 yards.

Patriots wide receiver Brandon LaFell finished with 11 receptions for 124 yards and a touchdown.

Alshon Jeffery finished with five receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown for the Bears, while Martellus Bennett finished with six receptions for 95 yards and a touchdown.

With the victory, the Patriots have now won 13 straight games against NFC North opponents, including seven of their last eight against Chicago. Brady is now 99-16 at home including playoff games. His quarterback rating of 98.8 in the game is the highest for him since Week 11 of the 2007 season.

With the loss, the Bears fall to 3-5 on the season. The Bears have a bye next week, hut hope to bounce back against the Green Bay Packers on Novemher 9.

With the win, the Patriots improved to 6-2. This week, they host Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos, who stand at 6-1 after defeating the San Diego Chargers 35-21. The last time the Patriots and Broncos met in the regular season, the Broncos blew a big lead, allowing the Patriots to win the game in the final minutes. The game starts at 4:25 PM EST and will air on CBS.

James and Cavaliers hope to win for city of Cleveland

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

LeBron James, alongside newly acquired Kevin Love and Cleveland star Kyrie Irving, are heavily projected to win the NBA title this year. James returned to Cleveland this offseason after leaving the Miami Heat following their NBA Finals loss to the Spurs. James made the move in the offseason after opting out of his contract with Miami.

Cleveland was more than excited by the return of their hometown hero. Following his departure, he faced much criticism from Cavalier Nation, resulting in fans burning his jerseys and despising the man they once loved. Now, the Cavaliers have little to worry about, as James is in the prime of his career, winning four of the previous five MVP awards before being edged out by Kevin Durant last year.

Four years later with a better supporting cast, James is returning home. James is from Akron, Ohio, where he played for the St. Vincent-St. Mary, leading the Fighting Irish to three state titles in four years. Unfortunately, he was unable to bring a ring to his beloved Cleveland faithful due to lack of a supporting cast, resulting in his departure from the Cavaliers in 2009.

In Miami, James flourished in a star studded team. James went on to win two titles for Miami, and he returns to his hometown in bopes of bringing his beloved fans their first major sports championship since 1964.

After signing James, the Cavaliers revamped their lineup. Love, who was acquired as a result of a trade that included 1st overall picks Andrew Wiggins and Anthony Bennett, will be a great addition to the now star studded roster, adding defense and size to this now all-around team.

Although the Cavaliers are heavily favored, the battle for the East will not be an easy one as the Chicago Bulls revamped their roster with the addition of former All-Star Pau Gasol. The Bulls are also looking forward to the return of star Derrick Rose, who has missed the majority of the past three seasons as a result of previous injuries. The Bulls seem to be Cleveland's biggest test coming out of the East, whereas the Indiana Pacers and Brooklyn Nets also look to be potential threats.

Chemistry will be a determining factor in Cleveland's championship run. Because of the drastic changes to the roster, it will be some time before the team will be able to click, unlike the majority of top teams coming out of the East, many of whom have been playing together for years.

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Kevin Love will play for Cleveland this season, hoping to make the playoffs for the first time and win an elusive NBA championship.

The Cavs face their first test of the season on October 30 at home against the New York Knicks. It should make for a good game as Lebron James goes up against fellow superstar Carmelo Anthony. The game will begin at 8:00 PM EST and will air on TNT.

*The Cavaliers began their season before this article was published.

UNC faces serious punishment for 'paper classes'

PHOTO FROM NBC SPORTS

North Carolina is currently being investigated by the NCAA for creating fake classes that athletes attended in order to keep them academically eligible throughout their time at the university.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is universally known as being one of the top schools in the country, known not only for its superb academics but for its dedication to excellence in athletics as well. With the recent allegations of "paper classes" taken by hundreds of student athletes, the university has tarnished its long and well-built reputation, not only by academic standards but also athletically.

According to the Wainstein report, over an 18 year period, as many as 3,100 students are reported to have signed up for these classes, primarily those in the African American Studies Department, with nearly half of these students being athletes. Since then, the University has come into question regarding its academic integrity.

As a result of these allegations coming to light, five faculty members said to be involved or have prior knowledge of the misconduct have since been fired, one has been demoted, and three more have been otherwise disciplined.

With all of the recent allegations, it's easy to wonder how and why these athletes were even admitted into a school with a 26.7% acceptance rate in 2014, considering the fact that the clear majority of these athletes are unable to meet the minimal requirements that they have to go so far as to make up classes that, in reality, don't even exist. Needless to say, who's to blame here?

The majority of officials will likely put the blame on Julius Nyang'oro, the professor who ran the majority of the paper classes that students enrolled in. Although the professor ran the classes that were under investigation, the majority of the blame should go to the NCAA, not only for failing to recognize the issue when it was first brought to light five years ago but also for failing to discipline the student athletes or the university.

Since then, many former athletes, including Michael McAdoo and Rashed McCants have publically come out and stated that they had skipped classes and instead focused solely on basketball. As is the case for many of the football players during the reported time of the scandal, many athletes were often unable to keep up in the classroom, which raises the question: How does this happen?

As previously stated, many athletes were unable to keep up in the classroom. Although athletes must have a 2.5 core GPA in high school to become eligible for Division I athletics, many athletes barely meet the requirements in high school and are often unprepared for the more rigorous coursework when they come to college. With the University of North Carolina being a much more predominantly demanding school in terms of academics, many students who already barely make the minimal requirements of admittance fall even more behind and in turn are forced to take these paper classes just to stay eligible.

As a result, most students remain eligible and earn their degrees without learning much of anything in their time at college, which not only hurts the student athletes but the professors, the school, and any other student athletes who work hard to maintain their grades and receive the education they work hard for.

The only way we will be able to solve this issue is to make the academic requirements more demanding for student athletes. Many athletes show a lot more leniencies when they are admitted, and therefore the minimal requirements need to be raised in order to gain admission to the school. By doing this, students will work harder in the classroom in high school and become more prepared for college.

The NCAA also needs to raise the eligibility requirements while students are at college, therefore when student athletes get to college, they will need to emphasize their classwork at a much higher standard than now. Hopefully, student athletes will finally be held to the standards that all students are held to in college, and in turn prevent incidents such as this from happening again.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21-April 19):
The winds of change are coming. Wear a parka.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20):
You've been feeling very content and secure in your latest relationship. Don't get ahead of yourself.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20):
There has been change brewing for the better at your place of employment. Keep your head down; there are no good changes in store for you.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22):
That empty void in your life is starting to get the better of you. Try starting a new hobby, such as knitting scarves or getting an ant farm.

Leo
(July 23-August 22):
You've always had a green thumb. Maybe get some Maybeline for that.

Virgo
(August 23-September 21):
I know that Halloween is your favorite holiday but try and lay off the candy this year.

Libra
(September 22-October 23):
Don't fret too much over your costume this year. It's scary enough if you just go as yourself.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 21):
The stars have not been in your favor lately, Scoprio. This week will be no different.

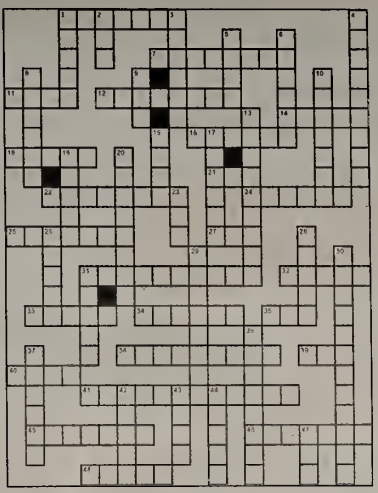
Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21):
Avoid all Leo's who have blatantly threatened you in the past.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19):
I know you have been sick of your long history of long-distance relationships, but no one in proximity to you will ever be interested in you.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18):
Your love life has been fishy lately. Suggest to your partner that they stop wearing fish oil as perfume.

Pisces
(February 19-March 22):
The stars are very hazy in regards to your future, Pisces. They are either confused or disinterested in your life. Probably the latter.

games & leisure



Across
1. These are found in the corners and ceilings of a haunted house.
7. A witch's pet. (5-3)
11. Bloody and gross.
12. A monster made from bones.
14. A monster from Egypt.
16. Another word for scary.
18. She wears black clothes and rides a broom.
21. It looks like a mouse but much bigger.
22. What kids wear on Halloween.
24. The creature that makes cobwebs.
25. Have a ghost inside.
27. The Cyclops has one.
31. What you get on your skin when you are scared.
32. These slam shut or creek open.
33. Witches ride this.
34. Vampires hate this.
35. Another word for strange.
38. October 31st.
39. What a ghost says.
40. A big black bird.
41. A monster with stitches on his face.
45. What children carve.
46. The month of Halloween.
48. Sharp teeth.

Down
1. What children get at Halloween.
2. Flying animal found in haunted houses.
3. The kind of bullet you need to kill a werewolf.
4. A place with many tombstones.
5. Where you get goose bumps.
6. The weather around haunted houses.
8. The walking corpse.
9. The color of blood.
10. Dracula.
13. You can hear these in the hallways of a haunted house at night.
15. Little animals with long tails.
17. This wears a patch and has a sword.
19. This wears bright colorful clothing.
20. A big black pot that witches use to make potions.
23. The kind of light that vampires hate.
26. The monster _____ the stairs.
28. What vampires drink.
29. The time when werewolves come out.
30. What kids say on Halloween.
31. Something that haunts houses.
36. A monster that changes from human to wolf.
37. Makes me scared; gives me the _____.
42. A monster from space.
43. The opposite of good.
44. Frighten.
47. A night bird.

maze

Halloween

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Date	Time	Event Name	Location
11/1	1 pm	W. Soccer vs. Framingham State	Alumni Field
11/1	1 pm	Volleyball vs. Framingham State	Woodward Center
11/1&2	2 pm	Carpe Diem Celebrating Broadway Songs Old and New	Dever Stage
11/1	6 pm	The Halloween Hangover Band Blitz With WSKB 89.5 FM	Scanlon Banquet Hall
11/3	4 pm	Leadership Voyage Compass Program: Leadership Concepts	Club Room
11/3	6 pm	Bhutanese Refugee Experience	New Hall 141A
11/3	6 pm	Math MTEL (03/53)	Wilson 416
11/3	6:30 pm	Pacifist No More? Japan Right Turn Under Abe	Scanlon Banquet Hall
11/4		ELECTION DAY: Please Vote! VOTE	
11/4	8 am	Flags By Des Andersen	Campus Green
11/4	10 am	C&S Wholesale Job Recruitment	Ely Lobby
11/4	1 pm	Open Academic Skills I: Faculty Suggestions & Student Requests	Banacos Center
11/4	1 pm	Bake Sale: Health and Communications Class of 2015	Ely Lobby
11/4	2 pm	Flu Vaccine $25, Tdap $75	Scanlon Banquet Hall
11/4	6 pm	Master of Science in Accountancy Graduate Open House	Horace Mann Ctr. GL
11/5	11:30 am	Commuter Luncheon: The Wellness Center	Tokoa Room
11/5	4:30 pm	Photography Club—New Members Welcome (every Wed)	Ely 313
11/5	4:30 pm	Slider Throw Down With Guest Chefs (Q&A Afterwards)	Dining Commons
11/5	5 pm	Voice Area Recital	Dever Stage
11/5	6 pm	Open House Master Of Social Work	Horace Mann Ctr. GL
11/6	1:30 pm	Free HIV and STI Testing Clinic (ends at 6 pm) CVS/pharmacy	Scanlon Banquet Hall
11/6	2 pm	Leadership Voyage Compass Program: Problem Solving	Club Room
11/6	4 pm	Amy Dryansky Poetry Reading	Loughman Living Rm
11/7	7 am	Registration For Juniors	Online

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Fri 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Senators briefed on Academic Advising at Tuesday's meeting; No meeting on the 11th

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

With seniors done registering for spring semester classes and juniors beginning today, questions on how registration works, what classes to take, and when it is prudent to see your advisor are dilemmas in the minds of students here at Westfield State University.

Laurie Simpson, director of academic achievement, and Nicole West, academic achievement staff assistant, spoks to the Student Government Association to answer any and all questions pertaining to registration procedures and advising tips.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, first stated that he has had a good registration experience at the university hut requested that Acadsmic Advising consider having an online signup sheet to schedule appointments for peer advising. This would elevate the clutter of student traffic during registration week in the office.

"Having students set up an appointment online could becoms far too cumbersome because peer advisor's schedules change all the time," said West. She went on to say peer advisors' schedules change week to week, unlike the Reading and Writing Center peer tutors, who have a limited staff.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, asked if there are any future infrastructure plans to improve the numher of students allowed to register at the same time. Andrew Dalesandro, SGA advisor and Academic Technology Services staff assistant, answered Darrach and said that when he was a student at the university, the portal to register would shut down when too many students logged on, and registration has come a long way since.

Dalesandro also said that students should be aware of any holds on their accounts before registering. Darrach also asked how many upperclassmen come to the office and ask about registration.

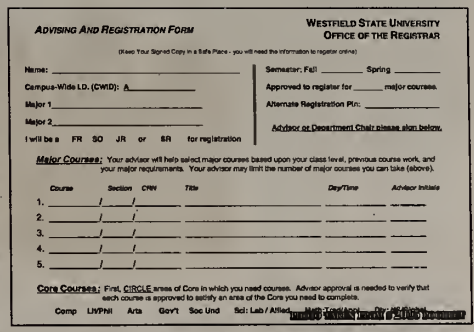
Simpson gave the SGA some great advice on how to get the most out of advising for a student's futurs. "Registration is not advising," Simpson said. You have to he advised, she said, to get your pin numher to register. Simpson detailed advising as something more than just an obstacle for students before acquiring their pin numbers. She said, "Advising is creating or developing a relationship with that person who is your advisor. If you're not happy with that person, you have an option to select another professor."

Simpson said, from an article she found, advising is the number one characteristic of a successful college experience. "Advising has now hecome more important to students nationwide than the actual the courses that they are taking. Students want to have a really good advising experience and not a registration experience," she said.

Simpson also shared the words of Richard Light, professor of teaching and learning at Harvard Graduate School of Education, who tells all of his first-year students to get to know a faculty memhar really well every semester. She said this helps students graduate with a strong connection with their professors, so that they help them by writing a solid letter of recommendation for a job or for entering a master's program for their career. She encouraged all students to get close to faculty memhers so they can he figure out what they want to do hefore graduation comes around, which is the key difference from the advising and registration experience.

Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, stated that while she is close to her advisor, she feels that she does not have enough time to sit with them to have a strong conversation about her future. Simpson said, "we have to change the culture as far as how people think about advising." She said students need to know that advising can happen anytime and not just during registration week because faculty memhers have contractual office hours during the school week.

"Many of your teachers will he blown away by the fact that you want to talk about something other than classes. Right now is registration advising and that's just picking classes. Advising is saying help me figure out where or what the process is to make me stand out for a job or a graduate program."



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(Keep Your Signed Copy in a Safe Place - you will need the information to register online)

Name: _____

Campus-Wide I.D. (CWID): A_____

Major 1_____

Major 2_____

I will be a FR SO JR or SR for registration

Semester: Fall _____ Spring _____

Approved to register for _____ major courses.

Alternate Registration Pin: _____

Advisor or Department Chair please sign below.

Major Courses: Your advisor will help select major courses based upon your class level, previous course work, and your major requirements. Your advisor may limit the number of major courses you can take (above).

	Course	Section	CRN	Title	Day/Time	Advisor Initials
1.	_____	/____/	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Core Courses: First, CIRCLE areas of Core in which you need courses. Advisor approval is needed to verify that each course is approved to satisfy an area of the Core you need to complete.

Comp LIV/PhI Arts Gov't Soc Und Sci: Lab / Allied Math Tech/Appl Div w/ Global

Above is the advising and registration form that is required of all students for their advising appointments.

After Simpson and Wsst finished talking to the SGA, Rehecca DiVico, president of the SGA, motioned to appoint Alex King as a reprssentative-at-large for the 2014/2015 academic year, which passed unanimously. DiVico also announced that the Emilee Gagnon art exhihit is on the second floor in the Ely Campus Center. Gagnon was a 2013 Westfield alumna who sadly passed away in a tragic accident during an MLS charity event. DiVico said the students' art is honoring her for her major, which was art.

Lastly, DiVico added, "watch out for yourself and your friends; there have been issues with student behavior in down town Westfield." She said students should have a fun time but also watch out for themselves and friends because even on the weekends, students are still representing the university.

After the madam president was finished, Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said Sodexo's produce has been 37% locally sourced in last six weeks. He defined locally sourced as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The total percentage of locally sourced food for the entire year, Clark said, is four percent. He added that locally sourced food is something that is important because when food is coming from far away places, it has been processed more, which can lessen nutritional value.

Discussions are underway to increase that four psrcent number, he said.

Ariana Roche, representative-at-large, asked Clark whether or not Pancakes with the President is going to happen this ssmester, which produced a lot of laughs from the senators. Clark said, "This has been a topic of conversation hetween the prssident and myself all semester

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MASSACHUSETTS VOTES 2014

1.5 million voters strike down the Bottle Bill even after MASSPIRG efforts to 'get out the vote'

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NO ON QUESTION 2

The expansion of the Bottle Bill was toast after one-and-a-half million voters voted 'no' on question two.

Even after the 'get out and vote' efforts of organizations like MASSPIRG and the Environmental League of Massachusetts, just over 560,000 voters agreed that the Beverage Container Deposit Law should be expanded.

The initial BCDL was enacted in 1983. It added a five-cent deposit on the bottles, which could be refunded to the consumer when they recycled the bottle when they were done with it.

Initially, it only included carbonated beverages such as soda or beer. This year's efforts were the result of a 30-year long process to get products like juice, bottled water, and other non-carbonated beverages added.

Opponents of the initial and expanded bottle bill cite the added cost to retail establishments to install bottle redemption machines, which are then passed on to the consumer.

If MASSPIRG and other groups were blanketing the area with literature on the benefits of expanding the bill, area supermarkets and retailers were doing the same portraying the ills of it.

Efforts on the Westfield State campus to inform voters of the Bottle Bill were expansive. Successive Westfield State MASSPIRG delegations led by Charlotte Graham and Michael Basmajian, respectively, spent time collecting signatures and passing out literature to student-voters.

Numerous newspapers and letters to the editor endorsed the efforts to expand the bill, including The Boston Globe and The Patriot Ledger.

Politicians who endorsed the efforts included Mass. Gov. Deval Patrick, U.S. senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, and several mayors and councilors throughout the state, according to a release by the Yes on 2 PAC.

After the votes were cast and counted, the Yes on 2 PAC released a statement expressing disappointment at the results.

"We might have lost the vote on Question 2 today, and we will look closely at what we could have done better, to be more effective as we move forward. But let's be clear about what happened," said Janet Domenitz, executive director of MASSPIRG, said in the statement.

The statement conceded that the opposition did not run a bad campaign. Domenitz was quoted as saying that they presented their argument as pro-environment and pro-recycling.

The No on Question 2 website lists about a hundred businesses and companies that support the initiative. An overwhelming percentage of the list is comprised of supermarkets and package stores.

Efforts to reach out to Michael Basmajian, current Westfield State MASSPIRG organizer could not have been successful due to the press time.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

The International Programs Office, or IPO, at the University of Massachusetts aims to make students' study abroad dreams realities. With its two divisions – the Education Abroad and the International Student and Scholar Services offices – IPO helps UMass students study abroad while also helping international students come to the University.

daily orange
Syracuse University

More than 100 members of the Syracuse University community gathered outside of Hendricks Chapel Monday afternoon for the Diversity and Transparency Rally before marching to Crouse-Hinds Hall to deliver a list of grievances to the administration. The rally was planned by THE General Body, a coalition of about 50 student organizations

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Graduate School of Education will move forward with a new training program for graduating seniors from the College interested in entering the teaching profession after receiving a $10 million gift supporting the initiative last week, Dean of the School of Education James E. Ryan wrote in an email to GSE faculty on Friday.

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MASSACHUSETTS VOTES 2014

Don Humason and John Velis return to State House after competitive races

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Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Donald F. Humason Jr. '89 is returning to the Massachusetts Senate for a term of his own.

The 47-year-old Republican was elected in a 2013 special election to finish then-senator Michael R. Knapik's term.

It was an uncharacteristically tough race for Humason, who was facing Holyoke police officer Patrick Leahy.

Leahy, 33, became the Democratic nominee in the race after defeating Christopher Hopewell in the primary in September.

Both Humason and Leahy gave passionate but feisty performances in the various debates of the campaign. Humason remained positive and focused on the issues while Leahy went on the attack, questioning Humason's legislative record and use of campaign finances.

According to Leahy, Humason has only been the lead sponsor on four bills throughout his entire time in the General Court, which includes his time in the House of Representatives.

He also apparently used campaign finances to purchase a tuxedo, which he used in his wedding.

Both attacks were refuted by Humason, who made efforts to discuss the issues. About the tuxedo, Humason claimed that he uses it at official events that he attends. It is not illegal to use it concurrently for personal events.

Humason has been a Westfield area mainstay since the early 1990s when he began serving in the State House as then-Rep. Knapik's chief of staff. He was elected to replace Knapik in the House in 2002.

When Knapik left the Senate in 2013 to become the executive director of university advancement at Westfield State, Humason faced off with Holyoke city councilor David Bartley for the Senate seat.

With all of the vitriol surrounding Tuesday's race between Humason and Leahy, Western Massachusetts political pundits predicted that the race would be tight.

That proved to be false. Humason won with 57% of the votes to Leahy's 43%, compared to Humason's 52.5% and Bartley's 47.5% in 2013.

Humason thanked his supporters a little after 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the East Mountain Country Club in Westfield.

Flanked by his wife Janice and son Quentin, Humason held up a huge blue "Thank You" sign. Numerous newspaper photographers snapped the jubilant moment as Westfield's native son continues his work in Boston.

There was another candidate with a party in the East Mountain Country Club Tuesday night, though.

Westfield city councilor Dan Allie conceded to current state representative John Velis in what has become Allie's second time at the seat that was held by Humason until last November.

Velis, a Democrat, beat Allie in last November's election. Both Humason's House term and Knapik's Senate term were expiring this year, so Velis and Humason needed to run for the respective seats again.

This second race was essentially a re-run of the first. Velis expressed his attempts at bipartisanship while Allie called for lower taxes.

Allie could not make his message resonate with any more voters, however.

Velis, who won the seat initially with 53% of the vote in 2013, won on Tuesday with 59%.

Both Velis and Humason will start their new terms in January.

crime log

On Oct. 29, a larceny occurred between 5:00p.m. and 11:24a.m. in Courtney Hall. The case is under investigation.

On Oct. 30, a domestic assault and battery occurred at 7:06p.m. in the Apartment Courtyard. An arrest was made.

On Oct. 30, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:48p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 30, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:02p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 31, malicious destruction occurred at 12:13a.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was investigated.

On Oct. 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 4:38p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 7:40p.m. in Davis Hall. A trespass notice was issued.

On Oct. 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:51p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Oct. 31, trespassing occurred at 11:11p.m. in Landsdowne Place. An arrest was made.

On Nov. 1, a drug law violation occurred at 2:08a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 1, malicious destruction occurred between 9:30a.m. and 10:30a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was investigated.

On Nov. 1, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:19p.m. in Lammers Hall. An arrest was made.

On Nov. 2, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:37a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 2, a liquor law violation and a drug law violation occurred at 2:08a.m. in South Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 2, a larceny occurred between 8:00a.m. and 1:00p.m. in South Lot. The case is open.

On Nov. 3, a drug law violation occurred at 12:12a.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 3, an assault and battery occurred at 8:30a.m. in the Campus Center. The case is open.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

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'Spellbinding' local poet to read at Westfield State

From Press Release

Westfield State University will host a reading from local poet Amy Dryansky on Thursday, Novemher 6 at 4 p.m. in Loughman Living Room.

Dryansky's recently published second full-length book, "Grass Whistle," just won the 2014 Massachusetts Book Award for poetry. Her first book, "How I Got Lost So Close To Home," was published by Alice James in 1999 and individual poems have appeared in many anthologies and journals.

She earned her MFA from Vermont College, and is the Assistant Director of the Culture, Brain & Development Program at Hampshire College. Dryansky also writes a blog called "pokey mama," which can be found at http://amydryansky.wordpress.com.

Much of Dryansky's work has a narrative line and she experiments with different forms in her poetry. She has earned many honors for her writing including a Poetry Fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. She was also awarded the 1999 Greenwall Fund Grant and was the winner of the 1998 New England/New York Award.

The reading was organized by Rehecca Olander, adjunct professor of English. Olander was introduced to Dryansky's work by a friend and was instantly hooked.

"I still remember the feeling of dipping into that book for the first time," Olander said. "I was spellbound and in awe of Dryansky's use of language and her approach to the craft of poetry. Dryansky's work invites readers, or listeners, in to experience the poems with her."

Olander said that the themes in Dryansky's poetry are universal.

"Her work is accessible, but it is also intelligent and interesting and unique," Olander said. "I think that she and our students will be able to have a good conversation about her work, some of the issues she writes about, and about writing in general. Her work probes questions of identity, which are universal."

Amy Dryansky's lecture is sponsored by the English department. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rehecca Olander at (413) 537-2588 or Rolander@westfield.ma.edu.

Westfield State to host open house for psychology master's programs

From Press Release

The Division of Graduate and Continuing Education (DGCE) at Westfield State University will host a Master of Arts in applied behavior analysis and a Master of Arts in psychology Open House on Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m. in the Garden Conference Rooms in the Horace Mann Center.

Westfield State's Master of Arts in applied behavior analysis (ABA) program is 48 credits that can be completed in two years full-time or on an extended part-time basis. The ABA program prepares students for certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board.

The Master of Arts in psychology program is 48 credits with three specialized tracks: mental health counseling, forensic mental health counseling, and school guidance counseling. The mental health counseling and forensic mental health counseling programs are designed to prepare students to become a Massachusetts License Mental Health Counselor (LMHC).

The forensic mental health program specifically prepares students for jobs that address the mental health needs of the offender population. The school guidance counseling program prepares students for Massachusetts licensure as a school guidance counselor at the Initial level.

The Master of Arts in applied behavior analysis and Master of Arts in psychology programs at Westfield State offer students flexibility with the option to go full or part-time. All classes are offered during the evening hours.

"Many of our students are juggling families and career responsibilities, while also attending classes to earn their degree," said Jessica Tansey, acting director, Program Development and Outreach. "The Division of Graduate and Continuing Education at Westfield State values its students and is sensitive to the fact that continuing school has unique challenges."

Individuals who attend the open house will learn more about the graduate psychology programs, the application process, and meet with faculty and the program coordinator. All individuals who attend this open house will have the $50 application fee waived.

To RSVP for this event, please visit www.GoBackNow.com. For more information about the event, please contact a member of our Outreach Team at (413) 572-8020.

from the voice vault

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WSC Offers Two New Scholarships

by Lynn Meodooca

Two full scholarships are being offered for the 1986-87 academic year.

The acholarships will be given in the memory of William T. Spears and Mary-Bernadette H. Handy, two WSC students killed in an automobile accident in 1982.

Spears and Handy graduated from Westfield State in 1980 and were engaged to be married.

During their undergraduate days, Spears and Handy were active members of the college community, and their dedication continued after graduation, as each was selected as Male/Female Alumnus of the year in 1983.

While the acholarships are available to all students in good academic standing, studeots with a major in criminal justice or social sciences are especially encouraged to apply. The scholarship committee will select two students, one female and one male, for the scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship may be obtained from the Criminal Justice Department, the Social Sciences Department, or from Dr. Sarah Light.

Light said that last year there was a lack of interest in the scholarship, and there weren't enough applicants to award it.

Applications must be returned to room 130 Campus Center by April 1986. Awards will be made by May 1, 1986.

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Girl Gymnasts Finish Season

The Women's Gymnastic Team at Westfield State College completed its season with a 2-4 record. The female gymnasts are to be commended not only for their gymnastic accomplishments but for their dedication of long gymnastic workouts, aches and pains, and going against steep competition.

The gymnasts showed a marked improvement this year, and next season should produce aerials, back walkovers and handsprings off the equipment, and a higher level of creativity in all composition work.

Once again this is a Gymnastic Olympic Year. Surely the United States has come a long way in the past four years when the United States placed sixteenth in Women's Gymnastic Competition. There is great hope for a Gold Medal this year. And, too the sheer perseverance of our own gymnasts here at Westfield State College shows that the future of Women's Gymnastics is in good honds.

All young women at Westfield State Collcge are welcome to come and workout at the spring gymnastic practices. It helps to keep in shape. Even if a girl does not want to compete surely she would enjoy the benefits of getting into ond keeping in shape.

The Women's Gymnastic Team is also planning to participate in the Spring Arts Festival here on eampus shortly. So why not support gymnostics and take a gymnast to lunch (watch those calnries) or give her a smile button.

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Coffeehouse returns with a variety for everyone

BY JESSICA NORDEN
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

The first coffeehouse of the semester kicked off Wednesday February 6 at 8p.m .io Ely Maia Lounge. Hosted by Scott Toomey, one could catch a variety of performers throughout the evening.

For the first performance of the night, Shirts Off In Advance made their long awaited return to the WSC's coffeehouse. Featuring Joe Skahan on bass and vocals, Rory Bellows on drums, Greg Marsh on guitar and vocals and Matt Tetreault on vocals and guitar

When asked about their return performonce, Skahan said, "We've had o lot of fun. We haven't played together for awhile, but we did really well."

For the next act of the night, Monty Geer entertained the crowd with his amusing original songs that got the crowd loughing hysterically.

Dave Lucander and Brian Vermouth performed a spoken word that the oudience enjoyed. They had performed at WSKB's benefit concert Saturday and thanked anyone who appeared at the concert.

When asked about their performance, Vermouth said, "We did good. The coffeehouses are enjoyable and we possibly have a CD on Gladiator Records coming out soon and we're excited about that. Also, go to Jester's Café on Monday oights for opeo mic, it's a good show."

When audience member Adair Webb was asked what she thought of the coffeehouse, she said, "It's fun and it gives entertainment for students who need a break."

The lounge was packed as the Elements Crew entertained the audience with their skills and everyone enjoyed their set.

Host Scott Toomey made a special announcement during the night about Spring Weekend and said that Run-DMC will be the headlining band of the weekend.

Dan Harren and Matty Benoit collaborated during their set and performed covers of Incubus' "Pardon Me," ond "I Miss You," Dispatch's "Out Loud," Third Eye Blind's "Semi-Charmed Life" and Bush's "Glycerine".

When asked about their performance, Harren said, "We got the crowd going and it's always a good time. This was Matty's first time singing and he wants to do this again."

Jon Morgan performed some of his own soogs and then collaborated with Nate Sigman and Jon Berman on covers of Dave Mothews' "#41" and Sublime's "What I Got."

When asked about his overall performance, Morgan said, "I haven't played solo in nwhile because I usually play with my band, so I was a bit nervous. Nate and Jon helped me out with a few songs and thot relaxed me."

Nate Sigman and Jon Berman performed together playing some cover songs and some of Sigman's own songs.

When asked about their set, Sigman said, "I think we played really well, an overall good performance. I enjoyed this coffeehouse a lot, it was very low key."

When asked her feelings on the coffeehouse, audience member Lis Collins said, "I thought there was a great variety of music especially compared to the last coffeehouse."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Martio Lee breakdancing at last week's coffeehouse.

Mike Aroyo and a friend joined together and played a few guitar instrumentals. Ending the night was Briao Townsend playing some cover songs on his guitar.

"I was very disappointed that all the members of Shirts Off In Advance didn't all take off their shirts," said Vice President of Programming, Angelo LaPierre on the night's performances.

LaPierre also said, "The breakdancers continue to amaze me and their act brought more people to the coffeehouse. Monty's set and Dave and Brian's set were a good change of pace from the usual bands and acoustic performances The night went quite smoothly and everyone had a good time."

When asked about the announcement for Spring Weekend, LaPierre said, " I'm pumped that Reverend Run can make it and it's good we know who the headlining band is so people know who they're paying to see."

opinions & editorials

MASSACHUSETTS VOTES 2014

Charlie Baker pulls off stunning victory of Martha Coakley for Mass. Governor

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

After a tight race with Democratic candidate Martha Coakley, Republican Charlie Baker is the new governor of Massachusetts.

To say that I expected Charlie Baker to win the Massachusetts gubernatorial race is an understatement.

From the start, I had predicted that Martha Coakley was not even close to becoming the candidate that she needed to be in order to get anywhere in gubernatorial politics, especially after witnessing her performance in her introduction to senatorial politics.

Second acts in politics are all about learning from the mistakes of previous runs. If you were to grade both candidates on this, there is only one that pulls ahead.

Take Baker. His performance in the 2010 election was angry. He fed off of the Tea Party wave that swept through electoral politics that season and it did not pay off for him. Current governor Deval Patrick swept him quite easily.

He knew early on that any effort in 2014 would need to be softer, showing him as a real person that can relate to people on an interpersonal level.

There were noticeable differences from the onset. For instance, at the beginning of the race, Baker released a video timed with the 10th anniversary of the legalization of gay marriage in Massachusetts that featured his gay brother.

The video was warm and very relatable as it was just a conversation between two brothers laughing and portraying their brotherly love and mutual respect for each other.

It is apparent that Baker learned from the mistakes of 2010.

For Coakley, her attempts to be more personable and relatable were seen as weak and forced.

Just as in her 2010 race to replace the late Ted Kennedy in the U.S. Senate, she did not relate the voters in a way that made them feel like she understood them.

Even though being and acting like a politician is not a popular way to win votes, for Coakley, it was a necessity.

It appeared that she felt entitled to the governorship, so her effort was not required.

Because of these campaign styles, I wanted to pay attention to the newspaper endorsements.

I know that many in my generation do not pay attention to what newspapers say (especially this one), but to political pundits, they are everything.

When The Lowell Sun and MetroWest Daily endorsed Baker, I was encouraged. Thinking, "Well this is looking promising," I wanted to wait to see what The Springfield Republican and The Boston Globe did.

Despite the Springfield newspaper's name, they rarely go in the 'right' direction.

To my surprise, they did! And so too did The Boston Globe!

Once the newspaper endorsements rolled in, I knew that Baker had it.

As Election Day unfolded on Tuesday, I was paying close attention to exit polls and the eventual results.

It was only within one percentage point and it took Coakley until mid-day Wednesday to concede, but Baker was most definitely the most reformed candidate and therefore the most able to lead the state into the next four years.

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

GOP wins big this Midterm: MA goes red for Head of State

Matthew Carlin
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To quote Freddie Mercury/ Queen, "We are the Champions, my friends." That's right! The GOP, Republicans, have won major seats across the nation, not to mention a governorship in our own state, this past Tuesday. As of press time, Republicans across the board expect to win three more come December (two have not been announced yet while one seat faces a run off in December); however, one thing is clear: Republicans have stormed and taken over Capital Hill.

The House of Representatives saw an increase in the current majority of Republicans in the house. It is safe to say that President Obama will be facing a lot more resistance from Congress in his last two years in office than he would like, but Republicans leaders have stated how they look forward to working with the president on equal terms.

The Democrats in Senate are in a state of shambles—that is, the Harry Reid senators are facing a monstrosity that they created themselves. That's right, the filibuster. Libersls and Democrsts are trying to play off their massive defeat Tuesday night with the speculations of filibustering the Senate; however, I wish to remind the Democrats of the monstrosity it bred when they had a majority of the Senate: The Mejoritarian process which overrides a filibuster attempt ss long as 60 Senators vote against it.

Well, with at least 52 Senate seats guarsnteed with the potential to gain a solid 55, there is only need to convince 5-8 Democrats to agree with their policies (for whatever deals they want to make for themselves), it will be a cake walk if the Democrsts have any desire to have influence in Congress.

The Midterm elections not only saw key states turn red federally but also in the csse of governorships; three blue states have elected right-lesning governors—including our own state of Massachusetts. Maryland and Massachusetts were, arguably, the two biggest upsets of the elections with Charlie Baker (GOP) in our state.

On the note of Charlie Baker, I bsve a few worns of wisdom for everyone reading. The election was a close race (until the last 10% of precincts) between Baker and Coakley, and botb campaigns used every resource svailable to them to come out on top; however, as Massive reports, Baker had a 30,000+ lead in votes by the end of the night.

A few notes on Baker: Baker has been involved in Massachusetts's politics for an sdmirable amount of years dating back to a secretary-ship in the planning stages of "The Big Dig" project (though we won't talk about the sctual project). Baker, however, also has experience running for the governorship with previous attempts in earlier years of his career (though unsuccessful). The governor-elect have made education reform (k-12) a major issue during the campaign season, and he is expected to make many changes to the current Board of Education. Charlie describes himself as a social libersl and s fiscal conservative, which earns him both the respect of his fellow moderate republicans but also the socisl democrsts.

Poor Martha Coakley. This loss, however, will probably be the nail in the coffin for her career, seeing ss though she has had two upset defeats to republicans in a state so blue it makes the ocean look pale in comparison; however, I am not here to Coakley bash...yet; that will come, if she tries to contest the elections at least. Though she should, since without the State or her old position to fall back on, her potential legal troubles from a while back might eventually catch her.

As the midterm elections are finalized and the government starts to mobilize, you can expect thst it will be more conservative. Congressional leaders have already declared that Obamacsre will be a priority 1 agenda item alongside the Keystone pipeline. The House of Representatives has already passed legislature on these two items; however, a democrat led Senate prevented the measures from occurring. Now with a msjority in both levels of Congress, Republicans are armed and ready to bring the fight to the democrats' homes.

After consistent battling and stalemates in Congress, s majority party now has enough support to finally break free from the shackles of opposition snd allow Congress to act, as it should.

I will bring this word of warning. Not all the obstscles are gone. Since President Obama may still use a presidential veto to prevent some of the more radical ideas this more conservative Congress may have, though that has yet to be seen.

In the end, however, among Charlie Baker winning this election, the GOP seizing Congress, snd good ole Humason winning reelection in his local election, this has been a good election cycle.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Shocking tales from a refugee camp in Nepal

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

Westfield State looks a lot more different than the schools that Chattra and Bal Bahadur studied in refugee camps for years on end in Nepal.

"We studied underneath a tree, if it was raining we would have to leave, if it was dark we would have to leave," Chattra explained. Chattra was the older of the two boys who are a part of the Nepalese speaking Bhutanese community here in western Massachusetts.

People of Bhutan fled their country by the hundreds of thousands in the 1990s after a government reform lead to a reign of terror which left thousands dead. "Sometimes we would count more than a hundred corpses a day," said Chattra.

He began the lecture by explaining the background of the Bhutanese people. He said that many illiterate people were forced to sign a paper that said they voluntarily give up their land.

Many lost everything from crops to livestock Chattra explained, "We had to forget out beautiful properties, our beautiful homes; we used to have everything that our elders gave us."

Some 100,000 Bhutanese sought refuge and fled to Nepal from 1990-1991. The horrors didn't end when they left the violence and death in Bhutan and headed out of India to Nepal.

There could be more than 7 people living in one hut and sleeping on the muddy floor. Some of the huts were made of bamboo, which sometimes offered a breeze to pass through the stiff humidity in the summer, but also allowed freezing winds to cut through. Others were made of plastic and were too thin and stifling.

Many died on the journey, twenty-percent from malnutrition, and some from the elements; the cold, the heat, and trees falling in muddy conditions were the cause of many fatalities. Most became homesick soon.

"We wanted to go back, we tried, but our king would not let us come home," said Chattra.Every year the Bhutanese Kind ordered people into the refugee camps to set them on fire. Documents, traditional clothing, and the little possessions people accumulated were smoldered.

"We didn't just have a bad two, or three, or four, or five bad years there. We had 18. It was so, so long," Chattra said sadly, thinking back.

After feelings of hopelessness and living in desolate conditions, educated refugees such as teachers, military members, engineers, and other members of the Bhutanese community began educating children living in the camps.

The average families were usually illiterate farmers who had about 8-9 children to help out with the agricultural tasks. So, naturally when people fled the country the majority of them were children who didn't have an educational background.

The schools they tried to establish were not mandatory by any means Chattra said. "There was nothing in the camps. Nothing. So it was better to go study than do nothing."

Uniforms were provided by humanitarian workers over time to encourage kids to continue learning and make the children look equal Chattra said. This is what inspired Chattra to pursue his own education and become a second grade math teacher.

Bal greeted everyone next. "I'm Bal from Nepal," he laughed and had the audience get on their feet, bow, and say Namaste to begin his segment.

Bal said that living in the camp was difficult getting food and resources was always a stretch, "but thankfully we had four walls," he said.

Bal completed his 6th grade education in the camp before coming to America. He admitted to not taking school so seriously at first.

In May of 2009, Bal came to the States with his family—mother, father, sister, and brother. "We carried dysfunction with our family. It never left, it followed us, "Bal said.

He continued to take school nonchalantly facing a difficult time at school and not having the motivation to be committed to his school work. "Teachers like me, every one of them. I have no idea why," Bal said, "once I had this adorable old teacher who loved me, but everyone else hated her."

Bal said he did pick up interest in art and picked it up as an AP elective. His teacher bonded with him and encouraged him to speak through his art.

He said that one day he wanted to paint a picture of where he used to live in the camps. Then all his hardship flooded out of him when he explained to his art teacher how he lived in such deprivation in the camps back in Nepal.

His art teacher encouraged him to share his story and finish his education. "She gave me her own phone to call Westfield about the Urban Ed plan and I had this moment where I realized that if I chose just to make a phone call and not slack anymore, everything could be different."

Bal said he was reluctant to continue his education because he worried about leaving his sister behind. But he realized, "I could help her more if I could work on me." "So I grabbed it [the phone]. I got accepted."

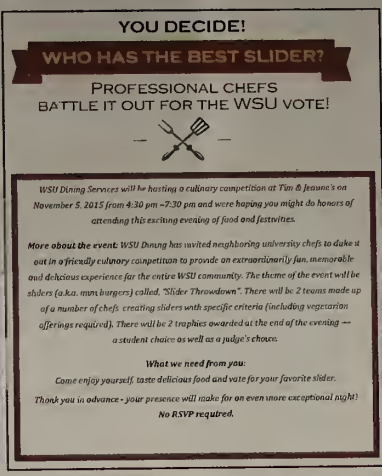
Bal and Chattra encourage students and friends of the neighborhood to step outside of their comfort zone. The most important message they brought with them to the students here was to give back.

On the 4th of July of this year Chattra became a citizen of the United States, the first time he has ever became a citizen of any country. "I'm still so proud of it. I am able to do so much. I have potential and I'm trying to give back to this lovely country."

Bal is hoping to perhaps pursue a career in social justice, criminal justice, or ethnic and gender studies.

from the editor's desk

Dining Commons can benefit from events like the Slider Cook-Off



Eating on campus seems to be more of a chore than a luxury for students. More often than not, students eat the same meal every day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner as they did the past day.

Tim and Jeanne's Dining Commons and Sodexo work hard to give students unique options and cater special dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas to give students a taste of home cooked meals. However, on regular nights, the options are similar to previous days and students settle for familiar meals.

This past Wednesday was a unique night for the D.C., as Sodexo chefs from around the state set up shop for a slider cook-off. The sliders gave students a new and fun station to be excited about for a dinner meal. Students had positive feedback about the slider station and many felt that the sliders should be added to the Sodexo menu.

One way that they can do this would be to ask students what they would like to see.

That is a difficult task as collecting the data has to fall to somebody and we are all busy people. It is important for Sodexo to gather this information, however, because there have been a lot of unsuccessful events in the past that could have been prevented with this knowledge.

As the year continues, I would like to see the Dining Commons put on more special stations or themes as they have in the past. The way I see it, the unique stations can only add to student's dinner experience.

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and it is an expensive proposition, even bacon alone drives up the cost of this event." He said he would like to see it happen this semester.

Cullinane received negative comments about the Halloween Brown Bag Bingo. The Campus Activities Board team who normally runs the bingo show was at a conference over the weekend so the Residence Hall Association ran the event. Senators who went to the event reported there was no music, no working microphone, the announcer was too dry, and audience members had to help hand out prizes.

Cullinane said there was a lot of miscommunication between the two groups and will try to organize a better meeting in the future.

Mathew Carlin, vice president of finance, had two finance proposals for the SGA to approve. The first was for The Musical Theatre Guild, who was looking for $875.80 to help fund four students' participation in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Carlin said it is an extremely competitive program and gives the students a valuable experience.

Carlin originally stated that the cost for the registration was $300 in a typo he made on the proposal sheet before motion to allocate the money; however, Joshua Clark found the math wrong and quickly amended the motion to allocate the proper amount.

After Carlin clarified that the document was wrong even further and gave the correct figure, Clark withdrew his amendment. The motion to allocate $875.80 for MTG passed. Carlin apologized for his miscalculation and said, "This is what happens when you rush; you make mistakes."

The last proposal was from The Student Theatre Association asking $750 to put on a campus-wide event and workshop on "Clowning," which is a physical form of comedy.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, stated that the language of the proposal did not clearly state where the money is going. Carlin said the money would be going to the Strong Coffee Stage who would supply the materials for the event.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, asked a representative from STA about what the support for this event was and the reason for choosing Clowning as an event. The reps from the STA said clowning is a type of acting that is not taught at the school and only STA members have expressed interests in the event.

Clark asked how often STA works with Strong Coffee. An advisor and professor for STA went to the podium and said he worked with Strong Coffee Stage as a designer before and developed a relationship with them.

Aaron Silvia, Dickison Hall president, asked why STA does not teach clowning instead of asking for the money. The professor said that the department is not equipped to teach that type of acting because there are only four professors with their own specific field.

Richard Darrach stated that, with the discussion going on, there is an academic curve to this event that STA did not get across on the proposal sheet. The motion to allocate the $750 passed.

There will be no SGA meeting on Nov. 11 due to Veteran's Day when the country honors those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin Donuts.

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record of 1,675 and twelfth all-time. His energy and tenacity make him on of the most exciting players in the NBA to watch and one of the most difficult to defend on fast breaks. His play with Team USA this summer was rewarded by the Denver Nuggets with a four-year $50 million extension entering the 2014 season.

Jimmy Butler, Chandler Parsons and Isaiah Thomas are all players who were drafted late and not asked to do very much in the first three years of their careers. All three have been named to all-NBA teams and all three are been coveted assets for playoff contending teams. Parsons and Thomas recently signed with the Mavericks and Suns respectively and Jimmy Butler will require a max-deal at the end of the 2014-15 season if he is not resigned by the Chicago Bulls.

The most shocking player to not complete an extension with their respective team was Kawhi Leonard and the San Antonio Spurs. After becoming the third youngest player to win the NBA Finals MVP last season, Leonard became a household name and a player deserving of a max-contract extension. He will get his money, whether it comes from San Antonio, or another contender.

The 2011 NBA Draft class is one that will leave its mark on the NBA for many years to come and the players are just making it into their prime.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Lighten up your light switch with some color

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

You have probably seen washi tape on Pinterest or read about it on your favorite DIY or crafting blog. But what is washi tape, and why is everyone so in love with it? Often called wasabi tape by mistake, washi tape originates from Japan; however, washi tape has nothing to do with the spicy condiment that goes with sushi.

The best way to explain washi tape is that it feels like masking tape, is made of paper, and comes in a variety of colors and patters that allow you to create some fun and intricate designs. Washi tape is usually made from natural fibers, such as hemp or bamboo.

Most commonly, it is made from the bark of trees that are native to Japan. They include the mulberry, mitsumata shrub, and the gampi tree. Many varieties of washi tape are strong and in some cases can be as durable as duct tape.

Washi tape has become very popular in the last few years and can be found at most craft stores and online. The cost of a roll of washi will vary, depending on its quality and design, but the average cost for a roll is around five dollars.

Sometimes websites such as Amazon.com will have discounted rolls and sets that cost less.

Washi tape is gentle on surfaces and will not leave marks or damage walls, which makes it perfect for decorating dorms. For the beginners of arts and crafts, I suggest you go to Pinterest and look at some washi tape designs and ideas. If you type "Washi Tape" into the search bar on Pinterest you will be amazed at all the projects people have used washi tape for.

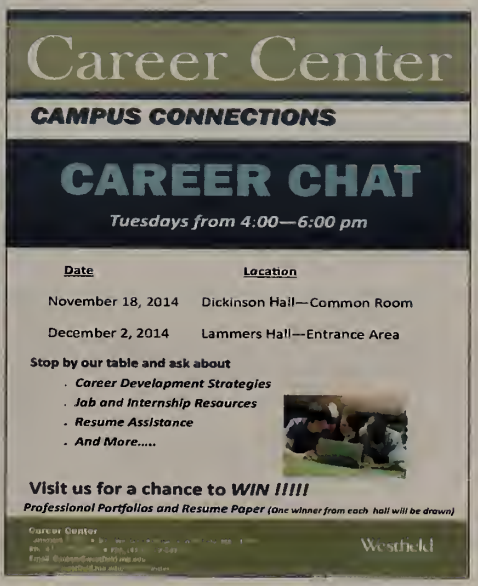
One idea for washi tape is to put it on a light switch. In my dorm room, the light switch was an eyesore; it had old paint marks and dents in it. I wanted to make it look a little nicer to look at and thought washi tape would be the perfect thing to use because it will not damage the switch in any way. In addition to the light switch, you can put washi tape over electrical outlets. The project took me under an hour to complete

Materials:

- Washi tape of any kind
- Scissors
- A sharpie marker

Instructions:

1. Take a piece of tape and extend it longer that the width of the switch plate.
2. Stick the tape onto the switch plate.
3. Keep repeating step two until the whole switch plate is covered.
4. Take the sharpie marker and place a small dot where the switch plate ends.
5. Peel the tape back slightly and cut where you placed the dot.



arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
2. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
3. Bang Bang - Jessie J
4. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
5. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
6. Don't Tell 'Em - Jeremih Ft YG
7. Animals - Maroon 5
8. Stay With Me - Sam Smith
9. Hot Boy - Bobby Shmurda
10. Don't - Ed Sheeran

top 10 albums

1. Anything Goes - Florida Georgia Line
2. Old Boots, New Dirt - Jason Aldean
3. Ride out - Bob Seger
4. rose ave. - You+Me
5. Partners - Barbra Streisand
6. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith
7. Blood Moon: Year of the Wolf - The Game
8. People Keep Talking - Hoodie Allen
9. Songs of Innocence
10. Sweet Talker - Jessie J

box office

1. Ouija
2. John Wick
3. Fury
4. Gone Girl
5. The Book Of Life
6. St. Vincent
7. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
8. The Best Of Me
9. Dracula Untold
10. The Judge

upcoming releases

1. ABCS Of Death 2
2. All You Need Is Love
3. Before I Go To Sleep
4. God The Father
5. Horns
6. Big Hero 6
7. Interstellar
8. Missionary
9. Maps To The Stars
10. The Great Invisible

MUSICAL THEATER GUILD

MTG headed to the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

From left to right: (back row) Will McKinnon, Ryan Pound, Rae Cofsky, Kevin Thompson, Andrew Morin, (middle) Chelsea Orfice, Erin Meany, Jen Guimond, Abby McMahon, Julie MacLeod, Alyssa Bourke, (front) Hannah Clifford, Morgan Doherty, and Tessa Newell.

Emily Hanshaw
Managing Editor

Westfield State University's Musical Theater Guild (MTG) will be participating in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival for the first time this year.

MTG will be joining fellow Westfield theater groups such as Student Theater Association (STA), the music department, and the theater department as competitors in the 2015 KCACTF.

KCACTF was founded in 1969 by Roger L. Stevens, the Kennedy Center's founding chairman. It is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from over 600 colleges and universities nationwide and aims to improve the quality of college theater in the United States.

After registering a show for KCACTF, the Kennedy Center will send a respondent to the show to judge the production and hold a session with the cast and crew afterwards to give constructive criticism. The respondent then comes to an agreement with the show's directors on two to three nominees to send to the upcoming festival. The two common nominations' acting competitions are for the Irene Ryan award and the Musical Theater Initiative award. These nominated actors will then attend the KCACTF and compete in their designated competition.

There is also the possibility to nominate crew members and technical production members for awards so they can display their work. Additionally, the festival also holds educational workshops and allows theater departments and student artists to showcase their work as well as preform their nominated productions.

MTG was reviewed for the first time this year for their production of 9 to 5, which received a positive response from the respondent. Tessa Newell and Hannah Clifford were the two nominees from the production for the Irene Ryan competition.

STA and the music and theater departments on campus will also be reviewed for their upcoming productions, and nominees will be sent to KCACTF as Westfield representatives.

The torture that is Halloween

Nathan Benoit
Voice Contributor

Every Halloween my family likes to watch the Halloween movie marathon featuring the masked murder Michael Myers (except for the third one). I watched the first three this Halloween and I have to say they are interesting. These movies are meant to scare and terrify us, but for me they just piss me off!

Okay, let's start with the first one, the beginning of this oh-so-wonderful series. So basically it ends with Michael Myers getting shot in the head and five times in the chest. So all throughout the movie we are lead to believe he is just a crazy kid, but at the end he turns into superman. It does not make any sense because he is human and would not be able to live through a headshot.

Now, I could live with that, but then they had to make another one with Michael stocking Laurie to the hospital. It starts right where the first one ended so he is walking around with six bullet wounds.

Okay, so he tries to find another knife by walking to a house and the girl that lives there walks right out and is literally two feet from Michael.

What, so she cannot see him? Does Michael turn invisible when he is in the shadows?

The whole movie is based at a hospital where, to my knowledge, they have no patients because I only saw Laurie, and there was like no workers either.

I saw three nurses, two ambulance drivers, a drunken doctor, and a security guard who sucks at his job because he let Michael in.

Now back to the whole Michael being superman thing: in this movie it resurfaces because there is a scene where he walks two miles-per-hour into a glass door and just breaks through it. What? No, I disagree with that logic!

There was one guy in this movie I actually liked. He was the ambulance driver who liked Laurie, and I thought he was going to save her and whatnot. But no, he slips in blood and cracks his head. He was definitely the hero I was hoping for.

In the third movie, Michael Myers was not even in it, which in my opinion made it a little better, but it was still terrible. Now, I find it a little hard to explain what happens, but I will try.

This is all you need to know to understand this movie: a girl buys a mask and plays around with the shamrock pin attached to it, and a freaking blue laser beam shoots out of it, burning her face; then a bug crawls out of her mouth. I did not understand and I do not even think the writers understood either.

This movie did have one of the most hilarious kill scenes in history though. A guy in a suit rips someone's head off of their body with his bare hands. I mean, that is creativity at its finest and I loved the realism.

Well, there you go; those are the basic plot points for the Halloween movies, which are just so much fun to watch.

WSKB 89.5 FM Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 - 8 a.m.		"Community Corner" with Diana Mckeon	"WOW! It's Tuesday!" with Bob Pisano & Jay Pagliuca	"Wake up, Wednesday" with Tina Gorman	"The Westfield News Radio Show" with Patrick Berry	"J.P.'s Talk About Town" with Jay Pagliuca	"Pioneer Valley Polka Party" with Wayne Smith
8 - 10 a.m.		"Commuter Radio" with Luis Arzola	"Owls on the Air" with Michael 'Buzzie' McMahon	"Mornings with Mayor Dan" with Mayor Dan Knapik	"Sports Talk and Office Hours" with Patrick Berry		"Wayne's World of Music and Memories" with Wayne Smith
10 - 12 p.m.	"Back in Time with James Sansiman						
12 - 2 p.m.	"Synthpop and Nonsense" with Sam Doe and Not-Max	Matt Sturdevant	"Owls Sports Show" with Anthony Swanson & Devin Bates		"Listening to the Left" with Erika Hayden	"The Escape" w/ Justin Fernandes	"EDogg 413's Bow Down Throwback Jamz" with Emmett Witherspoon
2 - 4 p.m.		"Carson's Classics" w/ Carson Bartome			"Corsi's Crease" with Jack Corsi	Office Hours	"The Derpiery" with Dick Scott and Friends
4 - 6 p.m.	Tim O'Malley	"Kiana & Alisha" w/ Kiana Lowe & Alisha Defossant	"Hip Hop with Mike" with Michael Barry	"Sports Talk" with Nic Odell	"2 DJs 1 Show" with Bryce Fournier and Cam Brett	"Hip Hip Hooradio" with Liz Curran	
6 - 8 p.m.	"VAM!" w/ Annie Cleek, Victoria Silkens & Marissa Cremin	"Jam!" with Aaliyah Mercer, Joseph Seal and Michael Norman	"Music Through the Decades" w/ Matt Chadwick	"The P-Rice Show" with Pat Rice		"What's the Beef" w/ Josh Blayer, Cam Lewis & Brian Plumb	
8 - 10 p.m.		"Hip Hop Hour" with Charles Darby	"WSCH" with Nathan and Steve	"Nostalgic Future" w/ Jake Lehan & Anthony Duarte	"Clarklin on the Radio" with Josh Clark and Matt Carlin	"The Brick House" w/ Moses Moe	
10 - 12 a.m.	Rory Barbarisi		"The Time Warp" with Sam Wesnberg and Alex Carini	"Sabrina & Ed" w/ Sabrina Farley & Ed Bloom		"Nunu & Crew" with Nick Anson and Scott Nixon	

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures: By Anne Fadiman New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012, 355pp, $15.00. (Paper). ISBN: 978-0-374-53340-3

Megan Bartleman
Voice Contributor

It is often difficult to fall in love with a book you cannot relate to or have no interest in reading. This is how I felt while reading The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down by Anne Fadiman, which was the required summer reading book for all incoming freshmen. The clash between two cultures was presented through the story of a young Hmong girl, Lia Lee, and the differences in beliefs between her parents and the American doctors.

Lia has a series of seizures known as epilepsy, which requires numerous amounts of medical attention and several daily medications. Fadiman takes the reader on Lia's journey by showing the struggles between both cultures with extremely different views. Although this story was not for me, there are a few aspects in the book that grasped my attention, such as the amount of background information provided on the Hmong culture, the conflict between the Hmong/American remedies, as well as both the structural set up and Fadiman's writing style.

If you do not have any previous background knowledge on the Hmong culture, Fadiman certainly educates you in The Spirit Catches You. The bizarre process of Hmong childbirth in the first chapter sets the tone for the reader for what to expect while learning about their culture. Fadiman also goes into detail on the Hmong history regarding war and their integrity. For example:

The Hmong do not like to take orders; that they do not like to lose; that they would rather flee, fight, or die than surrender; that they are not intimidated by being out numbered; that they are rarely persuaded that the customs of cultures, even this more powerful than their own, are superior; and that they are capable of getting very angry. (Fadiman 17).

Reading about Hmong integrity helped me have a clearer understanding of what these people are truly about. One way Fadiman presented background information on the Hmong culture was by sharing stories about them. The second chapter introduces the story of a French class at Merced College that was assigned a five-minute oral report. A young Hmong man tells a tale of fish soup, filling the board with flowcharts, a complex branching tree of factors, which lasted forty-five minutes. I took from this story that the Hmong are very detailed when sharing stories and that history is a curtail part of their culture.

Personally, I think that the background information was helpful for me to understand the Hmong culture more clearly, considering I had no previous knowledge about them; however, I felt that at times too much detail was provided and it made it confusing for me to follow the main idea.

Furthermore, the stories were sometimes confusing because I could not figure out whom the characters were and if the information given related to the Lee family or not. It would have been easier to follow if Fadiman gave a short general description of the Hmong in the first two chapters instead of the excessive amount she included throughout.

American medicine provided a continuous conflict between cultures throughout the book. What seemed to be the biggest issue was that Lia's parents did not agree with many of the medications that her condition required. According to the nurses " it wasn't hard to tell that the parents were really unhappy with the medical care" (48). The Hmong culture does not view medicine the way Americans do. Instead the Lees believe that medication can spiritually affect an infant's soul.

As you can imagine, Lia's uncooperative parents caused frustration and tension for the American doctors. The refusal of her parents to give Lia a prescribed medication, phenobarbital, resulted in the doctors recommending she be placed into a foster home.

Another issue between both cultures pertaining to medicine was the harsh language barrier. The word "epilepsy" is not found in the Hmong vocabulary; therefore, the Lees had no way of fully understanding their daughter's condition. The doctors tried several techniques to show Lia's parents when to give her medication throughout the day, but overall every try was a failure. There were several occasions that her parents purposely did not give Lia her medications because they had negative feeling towards it.

In regards to this medicine, Foua Lee, Lia's mother, stated, "it changes child's 'spirt' and makes face look different" (Fadiman, 49). As an American, it was interesting to hear opinions from another culture based on our medical beliefs. It was shocking for me to read about how the Hmong do not use any medical attention during childbirth or use antibiotics, considering we believe medical assistance is crucial during a pregnancy. We also do not typically believe that medicine can affect a person's soul or physical appearance.

The structure of Fadiman's book was extremely unique and something I have never seen before. First off, the author jumped back-and-fourth between Lia's story and the background information on the Hmong culture. For example, in one chapter the author would talk about the American doctors point of view on medication for Lia, and then the next chapter would share background information on the Hmong's. Fadiman also provided chapters that shared the views of several different doctors regarding Lia's medical case and the frustration with her parents.

I found that it was hard to keep up with Lia's story because of the constant interruption of the Hmong background and the different doctors' opinions. Fadiman also provided tremendous amounts of rich detail in every aspect of her book. Every story about the Hmong culture or Lia's case was overly descriptive, giving the reader a clear understanding of Fadiman's message; however, instead of providing excessive amounts of detail, I wish the author condensed certain chapters in order to get straight to the point. The amount of detail made certain points in the book extremely boring and made me lose focus of what I was reading.

Overall, I thought that the author's style or writing was confusing to follow and made the theme of the story very unclear. I was unsure at times while reading what the main focus was or what Fadiman was trying to get across to her readers. I felt that the 388-page book could have been condensed if Fadiman was more to the point. It is a unique technique of writing, but it was not the right fit for me.

Although The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down was not my favorite text I have read, because of my lack in interest of Hmong culture, I do believe that Fadiman had many relative points in her book that made the reader think further into the story line.

For me, I was able to see a different perspective on my culture and read about the difficulty of having a language barrier. Even though it was hard for me to find a connection with the book, it was a type of literature that I have never experienced before, which was an interesting experience.

Overall, I felt that my reading comprehension level could not keep up with the complexity that this book has to offer. I think I would have enjoyed this book more if Fadiman stuck to Lia's story instead of sharing so much detail about the Hmong culture. Yet, if you are looking for a challenging read or wanting to find out more information about the Hmong culture this novel would be an excellent fit!

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KNOWING TO COOK

Soup: The Cold Weather Cure

PHOTO FROM KITCHEN CALLING

A well put together chicken soup is great for cold weather, as it warms the body from the inside out. The chicken, vegetables, and broth blend perfectly. Bouna Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Normally, I like to have at least one window open in my home or my apartment on campus to let in the fresh air; however, this past weekend my windows were sealed tight. The cold weather, so characteristic of our beloved New England, has arrived. Granted there will be days which will be warmer than others because, after all, this region is known for its meteorological unpredictability, but make no mistake, the cold weather is here and it has no plans of retreating.

In the food world, there is one universal cure for cold weather: soup. I can think of little else that is more comforting than a hot pot of soup bubbling away on the stove while the biting cold wind howls outside the kitchen, except perhaps hot chocolate. Over the course of history, soup has been categorized as a country or home-cooking dish. Very few restaurants offer soup as the main course; rather, it is offered as an appetizer or accompaniment to the meal.

At home, soup is much more appreciated and versatile. You can make soup from virtually anything you may have hiding about in your kitchen. If you have leftovers from the roasted chicken you ate the night before, use the carcass and the meat and whatever vegetables you might have to make a beautiful chicken noodle soup.

By boiling the carcass of the chicken you allow the marrow from the bones and the remaining fat from the skin and meat to flavor the water and whatever vegetables you've chosen to accompany the bird, thus creating the base of all soup: the stock.

The stock is perhaps the most vitally important component of any soup because it is the base upon which the rest of the soup is built. Basic rule: if you have poorly flavored stock, you will have a poorly flavored soup. The key to good stock is patience. It takes a while for all of those wonderful flavors to be drawn out of the meat and bones and vegetables. That is why, if you have ever watched one of your parents make stock from scratch, stock is normally prepared early in the afternoon so that the soup will be ready by dinner.

You will always have a better chance of making flavorful soup of you make your stock from scratch. It is time-consuming, I know, and there are many great premade or canned stocks available at the supermarket, but if you want the best potential results, you must start from scratch. All you really have to do is pick the ingredients that you want to be in the base of your soup, throw them in a pot, cover the ingredients with water, and set the pot on the stove to boil. The result, after about three to four hours, should be a beautiful stock. Now, of course there are exceptions to the rule to easy-to-make stocks. Chowder and stew bases require more steps and ingredients, but if you are just making a simple soup for friends and family, a bunch of great ingredients boiling away in a pot of water is all you really need.

Once your stock has been made you can decide what kind of soup you are going to make. As stated, the stock is the base of which you can build, and there are so many options to choose from. We will continue to use chicken stock as the prime example.

With chicken stock as your base, you can make chicken noodle soup, butternut squash soup, chicken curry soup, Thai coconut soup, lemon chicken soup, buttered chicken soup, pumpkin soup, curried carrot soup, etc. The list can go on and on about all of the wonderful soups you can make with a chicken stock base. You can also have a vegetable, fish, or beef stock as your base; however, in terms of making soup, chicken stock is the most versatile, with vegetable stock coming in at a close second.

With the winter months edging closer and closer, the time has come for us to start thinking about comfort food instead of what is considered "healthy food." Now, I am not saying that during the colder months of the year we should immediately forgo our diets and way of eating.

What I am saying is that, in the winter, our bodies need more vitamins, minerals, and fats than during any other time of year. So, do not be afraid to eat more of the foods generally considered to be "less healthy" for you, such as mac and cheese, chicken potpie, and other meals that are filled with fat and calories. Our bodies need all of that during the colder months, but I also feel tbat our spirits need it to. There is very little that is more frustrating and fatiguing than shoveling mounds of snow repeatedly over the course of a day; yet, once you walk back inside and the warmth of the home begins to enter your body and you eat that wonderful soup you have made you immediately feel better.

Please utilize this recipe for Basic Chicken Stock! I hope you manage to make it and experiment with it at some point.

As always: Bouna Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

BASIC CHICKEN STOCK

Ingredients:

-1 chicken carcass, divided as needed to fit the pot
-5 sticks celery, roughly chopped
-2 onions, roughly chopped
-2 large carrots, roughly chopped
-2 leeks, roughly chopped (optional)
-1 head fresh parsley, chopped
-2 parsnips or turnips, roughly chopped (optional)
-Salt & Pepper

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients in a large pot or Dutch oven. Pour cold water over all the ingredients until the water covers them. Bring to a boil, skim excess fat off the top of the water, then turn down the heat and simmer for 3-4 hours. Pass the ingredients through a sieve and the result should be a beautiful and clear stock.

owls athletics

FOOTBALL

Owls hand Fitchburg 2nd straight loss

Mike Barry
Voice Reporter

PHOTO: FITCHBURG STATE ATHLETIC DEPT.

Senior running back, Michael Mercadante rushed for 171 yards and two touchdowns on Saturday to lead the Owls past Fitchburg State. He surpassed 1000 yards on the season and moved into 4th in the Owls all-time rushing list.

After the hearthreaker loss to Bridgewater State at Homecoming, the Owls traveled to Fitchburg State where they had a definitive 28-14 victory over the Falcons on Saturday.

Lead by their fantastic run game, which gained 249 yards on the ground, compared a mere 43 yards rushing against Bridgewater the week before. The running game this week, however, stepped up after being led by Senior Captain Michael Mercadante, who had 171 yards and two touchdowns of his own. This put the senior from Wilbraham over 1,000 yards on the season and is now fourth on the Owls all-time rushing list.

The Owls started with the ball off of the opening kickoff and wasted no time getting on the board. Westfield marched down the field with a well-balanced drive that was successful on the ground as well as in the air. The 72 yard drive was finished off with a 15 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Steve Guercio to junior running back Colby Bostik making the score 7-0 Westfield just five minutes into the first quarter.

Although Westfield scored quickly, Westfield did little to phase the Falcons offense. Fitchburg received the kickoff following the Owls touchdown and returned it 25 yards to start their drive at their own 40-yard line. After a costly personal foul penalty during a Fitchburg punt, the Falcons made sure to capitalize on the Owls' costly error. Fitchburg scored on a 15 yard touchdown pass to Trayvon Neal, tying the game at seven apiece.

Fitchburg got the ball back following a three and out by Westfield. Just five plays into the Falcons' drive, Westfield junior Joey Mespelli intercepted Fitchburg quarterback Garrett Dellechalie, which was returned to the Fitchburg 30 yard line. With the pick, Mespelli now has had an interception in the past two games.

The interception put the Owls in great position, and the offense quickly capitalized with a one yard touchdown run from Mercdante as time expired in the first quarter making the score 14-7 Owls.

The second quarter did not have the same offensive shoot out style of play as the first, resulting in only one touchdown the whole quarter by Michael Mercdante to cap off a 92 yard drive. But after a slow second quarter, the Falcons offense came out red-hot, putting together a methodical 15-play drive that ate up almost eight minutes of the clock. However, the momentum would end up completely deflating when Owls defensive back Greg Sheridan ended the Falcons touchdown hopes with an interception in the end zone that resulted in a touchback for Westfield.

Following the interception, the Owls offense was unstoppable with the first three plays of the drive. Mercdante led the charge with two fifteen yard runs and one 25-yard run by the dominant senior to set up a 25-yard touchdown pass to Bobby Boire, giving the Owls a three touchdown lead.

Fitchburg State scored a touchdown with 13:42 left in the game, but couldn't get keep the momentum as the final quarter closed. With the win, the Owls now improve to 4-2 in the MASCAC and 5-3 overall. Their next game is Saturday November 8th at 1:30 against Worcester State at home.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, October 31st
Field Hockey at WCSU W 2-1 (OT)
Saturday, November 1st
M/W XC at MASCAC Championship 1st/1st
M Soccer at Framingham State L 1-2 (OT)
W Swimming at Smith Relays (no score)
W VBall vs Framingham State L 2-3
W Soccer vs Framingham State W 3-2
Football at Fitchburg State W 28-14
M Ice Hockey va WNEU W 1-0
Tuesday, November 4th
M Ice Hockey at Assumption W 2-1
M Soccer Semifinals L 2-0
Wednesday, November 5th
W VBall vs Salem State W 3-0

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 6th
M Ice Hockey at Curry College 6:40 p.m.

Friday, November 7th
M Soccer Semifinals
W Soccer Semifinals

Saturday, November 8th
M/W XC ECAC D-III Champ. 11:00 a.m.
W Swimming at UMass Dartmouth Invite 12:00
Foothall vs Worcester State 1:00 p.m.
W VBall Semifinals

Sunday, November 11th
M Ice Hockey vs Framingham State 7:35 p.m.

Volleyball advances in MASCAC with 3-0 victory

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State wins their quarterfinal MASCAC tournament game against Salem State in straight sets by scores of 25-23, 25-12 and 25-7 on Wednesday, Nov. 5 in the Woodward Center.

The Owls (13-20; 4-2) advance to the semifinals of the MASCAC tournament while the Vikings' (5-17; 1-5) season comes to a close.

Salem jumped out to a 14-7 lead in the first set before Westfield stormed back to tie the game at 18. Westfield opened up a two point lead, 21-19, and maintained that gap for the win.

The Owls took control of the next two sets, highlighted by a 15-1 run in the final frame to cap off the victory behind strong serving from freshman standout Victoria Sutphen (Holden, Mass./ Wachusett).

Westfield setter Courtney Ryan (Quincy, Mass./ Quincy) doled out 29 assists to coordinate a balanced offensive attack. Kendyl Haney (Ashland, Mass./ Ashland) picked up a game high 11 kills. Nicole Molleur (Union, Ky./ Tantasqua) added six kills, while Carolyn Cote (Chelmsford, Mass./ Chelmsford) and Sutphen notched five each.

The Vikings offense was led by Emily Peay's (Lebanon, Conn./ Lyman Memorial) 11 kills and Micaela Forcaciari's (Plymouth, Mass./ Plymouth South) 19 assists.

Two Vikings recorded double digit digs on the night, Hannah Mullarkey (Salem, Mass./ Salem) had 16 and Alexandra Hopkinson (Reading, Mass./ Reading Memorial) tallied 11.

Sarah Green (Peahody, Mass./ Bishop Fenwick) added six service aces in the win.

Westfield travels to Framingham State on Saturday, Nov. 8 for the semifinals of the MASCAC tournament at 11:00 a.m. The other semifinal will be held at 1:00 p.m. with winners facing off in the championship 30 minutes after the conclusion of the second game.

Giants deserve dynasty title after championship

Madison Bumgarner was the difference in this World Series for the San Francisco Giants, helping them win their third title in five years. His pitching dominance over the Kansas City Royals won him the 2014 World Series MVP.

Ben Stohr
Voice Reporter

Although Russ Hodges's call of Bobby Thomson's pennant-clinching homerun was considered the "Shot heard around the world" back in 1951, a more recent generation have grown accustom to Joe Buck's calls of the Giants winning the World Series.

Hodges became synonymous with baseball's greatest games; it was his voice that resonated cries of "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!" Who would have thought that those words would grow to be somewhat overshadowed by a new age of Giants – group that call San Francisco their home – instead of the ones from New York that will forever live through Russ Hodges's broadcast?

The San Francisco Giants beat the Kansas City Royals 3-2 and snatched Game 7 while away from home in Kansas City. San Fran became the first of the previous nine World Series contenders to successfully win a Game 7 away from their home turf, capturing their third title in the last five years.

The Giants have managed to cement themselves as a dynasty without ever being looked at as a favorite. Without fail, baseball experts seem to overlook San Francisco year in and year out. Comments like, "They're too old," "They're too young," "They don't have the hitting," "Their pitching won't hold up," have showered the Giants over the last few years. Many baseball enthusiasts have not even picked them as the best team in their state, as teams like the Angels, Dodgers, and even their Bay-Area rival Oakland Athletics have topped the Giants in the preseason rankings in recent years. While they hoist their trophy for the third time since they did in San Francisco back in 2010, those comments are now meaningless to a team that has consistently beat the odds.

This World Series was one for the ages, as both teams emerged from the wild-card position, having to play 1 game, winner-take-all, to even get into the 2014 playoffs to begin with. While the Royals seemingly flew through the playoffs, sweeping their opponents in both rounds leading to the World Series, the Giants had a rockier road, scraping together some wins where they managed to not score a single earned run and losing a couple along the way.

Early predictions picked Kansas City as the favorite because of their success going into the series, but the Giants showed resilience and were led to the title on the back of their ace, Madison Bumgarner. Bumgarner now has 3 World Series rings, a World Series MVP award, an NLCS MVP award, a lifetime World Series ERA of 0.25, and is only twenty-five-years-old as of Aug. 1 of this year. His numbers have quickly presented the argument that he may be the best World Series pitcher in the history of Major League Baseball. Again, he is twenty-five-years-old.

Teammates were at a loss for words when asked about their reactions to the Mad-Bum's success. His catcher, Buster Posey, who also grabbed his third World Series ring at the cool age of twenty-seven, simply said after the final game, "He's amazing." Bumgarner got asked back in 2010 if he was nervous to pitch in the World Series for the first time; his response was blank and direct, "I don't get nervous." Three rings later, I'll take his word for it.

This Giants team was hard to root against, with familiar characters stemming from top to bottom. With Bruce Bochy who led this group of nine members to win their third ring at the helm, it's hard to overlook his success as a manager. Buster Posey, who won the NL Rookie of the Year award back in 2010 and the NL MVP back in 2012, has put together quite the resume. Former Cy Young Award winner, Tim Lincecum, has also won his third ring, despite pitching in a much more depleted role than he was used to in his earlier career. The famously nick-named Pablo Sandoval, a.k.a. the Kung-Fu Panda, has created a large fan base back in San Fran and now will become a free agent this offseason after also winning his third title. Relievers Jeremy Affeldt, Sergio Romo, Javier Lopez, Santiago Casilla, and of course the aforementioned ace of their staff, Madison Bumgarner, have also remained a constant since the 2010 title.

Even new faces wearing the Giants' orange were great to see win it all. Thirty-nine-year-old right-hander Tim Hudson had been in the big leagues since 1999 without winning a World Series; in the twilight of his career, he achieved the ultimate goal.

Popular right-fielder Hunter Pence also won his first ring and became quite the talk of the town this season when it was found that he rides a motorized scooter to their home games. His eccentric style of play became something Giants fans grew to love, and he ended up leading the team in hits in the World Series.

Quite possibly my favorite of all the sub-stories on this Giants team was that of shortstop Brandon Crawford. Crawford now has been a part of two world championships with San Francisco and grew up as a fan of the team. In fact, when talk was swirling about moving the Giants out of San Francisco in 1992, young Brandon Crawford made the newspaper. His sad face was shown standing next to a sign to keep his Giants right where they were. Almost twenty years later, that boy grew up to play shortstop for that same beloved team and was a part of two league titles.

The Giants may not have the largest payroll to spend on high-valued free agents, nor is their roster stacked with superstars. What they do have is a solid nucleus of players surrounded by teammates who know their role and make consistent contributions. They went from a team to a dynasty seemingly overnight, and their rings are the hardware to prove it.

Celtics continue developmental stage with young players

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

In Brad Stevens' second year as head coach of the Boston Celtics there will be more excitement and less disappointment, that is, if your expectations aren't too high of course. After last year's disappointing performance it's safe to say the Celtics will not be a contender in the East this season.

This doesn't mean that you should give up on them though. Coming off a 25-57 season, the worst for them since the 2006-07 season before they acquired Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, Boston can only get better at this point. The Celtics received a major boost on both sides of the ball after drafting guard Marcus Smart from Oklahoma State with the sixth overall pick, as well as forward James Young from Kentucky with the seventeenth pick in this year's NBA Draft. Boston was also able to acquire free agent veteran guard Evan Turner from the Pacers.

Rajon Rondo is the captain of the team and his attitude will determine the success and growth of this year's team. As the team's leader and most seasoned player, the Celtics will be relying on Rondo to mentor the rookies and lead the team, statistically and otherwise.

But before that, he has to recover from his current injury. Rondo broke his hand back in September but claims he is very close to being able to play.

Recently, Rondo has expressed publicly that he is disappointed with the team and might be willing to leave, which has also sparked trade rumors. Rondo is due $12,909,091 this season but after that he will be an unrestricted free agent. Sticking it out this season whether he likes it here or not and committing to the team will be beneficiary to the Celtics' growth and give rookies time to develop. If he would be willing to mentor them and stay positive throughout the year, younger players like Phil Pressey and Marcus Smart can learn a lot from the veteran guard.

The rebuilding process of this Celtics team is going as planned. Don't expect too many wins this season, but this young Celtics team will catch some opponents off guard. This season is about growth.

This year's goal is to improve and build as a team, fundamentally and cooperatively. If the Celtics can achieve that, this season will surely be vital in developing a well-rounded team that could seriously compete down the road. Expect a lot of transactions to be made in the coming years but as long as they continue to work on their young talent, this team definitely has potential to be a contender in the near future.

The future is full of potential, but unfortunately this season it looks unlikely that the Celtics will make the playoffs. Regardless, they'll surely be a team to watch this season. They will continue to develop their players and contend in the future.

Jon Lester won't sign with Sox

Connor Swan
Voice Reporter

As the offseason begins, it's time to address the elephant in the room: Jon Lester will not be back next spring. I am aware of the arguments for why he will be back, from "Boston is the only place he wants to be," to "the Red Sox have the cash to outbid every other suitor," but Red Sox fans need to face the simple truth; there is just no way Jon Lester will re-sign.

Reason one Lester will not be back: Larry Lucchino flat out insulted him with his four years, $70 million offer during spring training. While Lester may have indicated that he would take a hometown discount to stay in Boston, no one in their right mind was taking that to mean an annual salary equal to aging slugger Mike Napoli. After this offer, reports came out that Lucchino refused to budge, pushing Lester to end negotiations and ultimately resulting in his being shipped out to Oakland. It's a perfectly valid opinion to think Lester will put aside his feelings and sign a lucrative deal to return to Boston, but to think this is to ignore reason number two.

Reason two: The Red Sox philosophy of not paying big money to a pitcher in his thirties. Remember that new Red Sox spending plan that brought Victorino, Uehara, Napoli and the 2013 World Series to town? Well the crux of that plan is minimizing risk, and wisely so. It's not often that a pitcher will be incredibly productive in his thirties, and seeing as Lester turns 31 this January, it's not likely the Sox will be matching the six-year, $150 million contract Lester will be demanding. While the Red Sox do in fact have the funds to outbid everycne, they will be taking their money elsewhere, leading to reason number three.

Reason three: To the Red Sox, it is a better value to have two ponies rather than a horse. In conventional baseball wisdom, to win a world series, a team needs at least one true ace. The Sox bad two in 2004 with Pedro and Schilling, one with Beckett in 2007, and one with Jon Lester in 2013. If their botched negotiations with Lester are any indication, the Red Sox intend to buck this trend by revamping their rotation with a bunch of number two starters. So far, baseball pundits continue to say the Red Sox intend to sign James Shields, an aging starter who will be cheap after a poor World Series performance; Justin Maaterson, a solid number three starter; and Francisco Liriano, an aging injury plagued southpaw. They have also been mentioned in talks to trade for Cole Hamels, someone the Sox seem to view as Lester's equivalent, despite the thorough lackluster numbers outside his dreadful division, and Johnny Cueto, who is a nice pitcher, nothing more.

A combination of Lucchino's insulting offer, the Red Sox minimal risk spending plan, and their apparent devotion to tbe two ponies over a horse plan will result in Jon Lester pitching for another team next spring. Make no mistake, Jon Lester makes perfect sense for this roster. Even if the Sox add a Masterson and a Shields to their current rotation of Buchelz, Kelly, and three warm bodies, but they will still be lacking that proven playoff horse to carry them back to the Fall Classic. Sure, the Sox have the money to bring him back, and of course he'd fit right back in, but when Lester shuns the Red Sox to go and pitch for Theo Epstein and the Cubs, don't be too surprised. The writing has been on the wall for months.

NYC Marathon is a success with 50,000 participants

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

The 2014 New York City Marathon was held on Sunday, running througb the various scenic areas of New York on one of the final days before winter hits the Big Apple. The race, whicb has run every year since 1970 (the only exception being 2012 aa a result of Hurricane Sandy), was won in the men's division by Wilson Kipsang of Kenya and Mary Keitany in the women's division, also from Kenya.

The mile ran through the city of New York, starting on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and ran through the five major areas of the City, ending in Central Park.

Kipsang, who ran the 26.2 mile course with a time of 2:10:59, won the race by a mere seven seconds over Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia. The time was seven and a half minutes slower than his previous best time of 2:03:23, which he set after winning the Berlin Marathon earlier this year. With the win, Kipsang has won eight marathons since 2009, including the Paris, London, and Frankfurt Marathons.

Keitany, who notched her first major Marathon victory since winning the London race in 2012, finished with a time of 2:25:07, matching Priscah Jeptoo of Kenya's winning time from last year. Keitany barely edged out tbe second place finisher, Jemima Sumgong of Kenya, by three seconds.

In the wheelchair races, which run on a shorter 23.2 mile course, Kurt Fearnley of Australia notched the win with an impressive time of 1:30:55 for his fifth victory in the race. In the women's division, Tatyana McFadden earned her third victory with a time of 1:42:16, seventeen minutes better than her winning time from last year.

The Marathon also featured some top celebrities, including women's tennis champion Caroline Wozniacki. Wozniacki, who was competing in her first Marathon, ran an amazing time of 3:26:33. After the race, Wozniacki spoke to ESPN regarding the race, stating, "The crowd was amazing. It was incredible. It was such an incredible experience. I'm so happy to have done this. I'm so proud. Now I have this medal. I can say that I've done the New York City Marathon. I've even done it at a cool time. So I'm really, really happy."

New York fan favorite Tiki Barber also competed in this year's race. Barber, who played the entirety of his NFL career with the New York Giants, ran an aggregate time of 5:14:37. Although his best years are behind him, he certainly showed New Yorkers that he's still in the best shape of his life.

Over 50,000 men and women competed this year as thousands cheered on some of the best runners in the world. If this year is any indication of next year's race, the world's most popular race will continue to grow in years to come.

NBA prospects look for new deals

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Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

The NBA is at a unique time in terms of player development and those that have benefitted from it are starting to rise above the rest. The 2011 draft class is currently wading through the pivotal point in every NBA player's career. As the rookie deals come to a close, those deserving will receive extensions to continue their careers.

Kyrie Irving has cemented himself as one of the best point guards and playmakers in the NBA today. He is the only player of the draft to make an all-star team as of today and was an essential talent for Team USA this summer in their journey to winning a gold medal in Spain.

Irving recently inked a five-year $90 million max-contract extension with the Cavaliers, a deal rewarding of his contributions on the floor to date and of the potential in his future career. As the 2011 draft is concerned, Irving is far and away the most talented player.

Two players in similar situation regarding performance and contracts are Cleveland's Tristan Thompson and Oklahoma City's Reggie Jackson. Neither player was able to complete a deal before the October 31 deadline and both will be playing under a spotlight this season.

Thompson was offered a 4-year $48 million deal from the Cavaliers, but elected not to sign, hoping to field more lucrative offers in free agency after the season. Thompson and the Cavaliers will be the center of NBA attention as the year continues with LeBron James' return and title contentions making headlines. Similar to the NFL, after a successful or Super Bowl season, other teams will sign players they feel are about to break the surface of their potential to deals that the original team cannot match.

Jackson will be the spotlight of the Thunder for the next two months as Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook recover from injuries. The third year guard out of Boston College has worked his way up from the Developmental League to the Thunder's starting rotation. If he is able to keep the Thunder in a respectable position in the Western Conference until Durant and Westbrook return, he will be looking at a max-contract at the end of this season, either from the Thunder or a team in the business of strengthening its backcourt.

As a player who flew under the radar of most college basketball fans while at Washington State, Klay Thompson recently signed a 4-year $70 million extension with the Warriors. The Warriors refused to relinquish Thompson in trade rumors that involved Kevin Love last season and Thompson rewarded them by averaging 18.4 points per game and a career high 44.4 field goal percentage and a 41.7 3-point field goal percentage. Thompson fell into the right hands with previous head coach Mark Jackson and thrived as a swingman within his offense. With Steve Kerr at the helm, it will be interesting to see if his game changes throughout the season.

Kenneth Faried may be the most surprising, and yet not that surprising, player to come from the 2011 draft. After four years at Morehead State, he finished only two career rebounds behind Steve Hamilton's school

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horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21-April 19):
The stars predict that good fortune is in store for you this week! They also know that you do not possess the fortitude to access this good fortune.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20):
You have a gargantuan decision coming up in your life, but you will get cold feet at the last minute. I suggest wearing thicker winter boots.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20):
A big change is coming to your place of employment-including your employment status.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22):
Though it's true that dog is man's best friend, he does not have to be man's only friend. The stars suggest it's time you joined a book club or bowling team for some human interaction.

Leo
(July 23-August 22):
Congratulations on your stealth and treachery, Leo! However, you can't hide from the stars... they know what you did last winter.

Virgo
(August 23-September 21):
You will be falling head over heels this week! Avoid staircases at all costs.

Libra
(September 22-October 23):
You do not possess the confidence to face rejection. I would suggest abandoning the vast majority your goals.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 21):
The stars report that all Scorpios are extremely clever and attractive – except the ones who read horoscopes.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21):
It's time to dry your tears and move on with your life. You know it, I know it. The stars know it. Your neighbors know it. Your manicurist knows it.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19):
Avoid all foods with printed expiration dates in 2013.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18):
You friends, family, pastor, and doctor may be telling you not to do it, but the stars want you to follow your gut and do it anyway!

Pisces
(February 19-March 22):
The stars are silent in regards to you, Pisces. They are simply, utterly disinterested.

games & leisure

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9. Villain (5)
10. The sheltered side (7)
11. Flightless bird of Australia (3)
12. Chasm (5)
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19. Prohibit (3)
20. Diplomatic (7)
22. Nimble (5)
23. Light beam (5)
24. Reside (5)
25. Boring (7)

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2. Decoration (5)
3. Goals (7)
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5. Stiff (5)
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11/8	1 pm	Senior Day Football VS Worcester State	Alumni Field
11/10	7 am	Class Registration for 1st and 2nd Year Athletes	
11/10	3:30 pm	Billiards Club	University Hall
11/10		Advising For Sophomores Begins Today	
11/11		NO CLASSES – VETERANS DAY	
11/11	3-10:30 pm	Wellness Center Holiday Hours	Wellness Center
11/11	7 pm	Christian Fellowship	Interfaith Center
11/11	4 pm	SI Session: Peer Run Study Session: Accounting I	Bates 225
11/12		Pandinis' Pizza Day!	Pandinis
11/12	12 pm	Criminal Justice Bake Sale	Wilson Hall
11/12	12:30 pm	Catherine Dower Departmental Student Recitals Series	Dever Stage
11/12	2 pm	SI Session: Peer Run Study Session: General Chemistry	Wilson 407
11/12	4:30 pm	Photography Club	Ely 313
11/12-15	8 pm	Performance: All My Sons by Arthur Miller	Dever Stage
11/13	10:45-11:15am	Discover Westfield State University	Parenzo Gym
11/13	5:30 pm	All About Kidneys: Filtering Through The Information	Wilson Hall B
11/13	7:30 pm	Ambassadors For Christ	Tekoa Room
11/14-15	2:30 pm	Performance: All My Sons by Arthur Miller	Dever Stage
11/14	3:30 pm	Billiards Club	University Hall
11/14	4 pm	Yoga	Wellness Center
11/14	8 pm	Movie Night	Owls Nest

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2015 RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life enters its second year with an ambitious new goal of $55,000 for the ACS

The 2015 Relay for Life will be held April 17 at 6 p.m. in either the Woodward Center or Alumni Field. To sign up to be o member of a team, go to relayforlife.org/wsuma.

Jashua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Confirmed by event coordinators Brenna Closius and Beth Teague, the second Relay for Life will be April 17, 2015.

The first Relay for Life on the Westfield State campus, which happened last semester, was wildly successful with the event raising $45,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"Last year, we were so overwhelmed with incredible support we received," said Teague in an email on Tuesday.

Over 350 people signed up for the event last year, says Closius. "This year, we are setting the bar even higher and hope to raise $55,000," she added.

Teague, who has been attending the event at other places since she was young, started the idea to hold a Relay for Life event on the Westfield State campus.

She saw other universities participating in the event and wanted to know why Westfield State could not get involved.

Last year's goal was $20,000. "We knew that we could fundraise more than that," said Closius last April in an interview with The Westfield Voice.

At last year's event, there was live music, raffles, games, and other intricacies, which kept the participants in the Woodward Center for the totality of the event.

After last year's event, Closius joked, "It was most likely the hourly drawings that kept people."

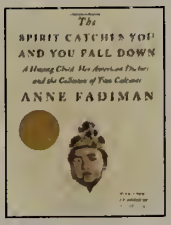
Both Teague and Closius agreed that they are looking forward to throwing an event that is "bigger and better than last year!"

The event starts Friday, April 17, 2015 at 6 p.m. in either the Woodward Center or Alumni Field, depending on the weather, and will last until the next morning at 8 a.m.

To create a team or to sign up to be on a team, you can log onto relayforlife.org/wsuma.

The Relay for Life Club meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the University Hall Conference Room. Any questions about the event can be directed to Closius, Teague, or any other member of the Relay of Life Club.

First-Year Read lecture to be held Nov. 18



Westfield State University will welcome author Anne Fadiman on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. Fadiman's novel, "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down," was chosen as the First-Year READ for incoming first-year students. Her lecture will focus on the novel and student reaction. (photo courtesy of Molly Watson)

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OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK

Third Annual Suicide Prevention Walk on campus is fully underway

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The third annual Suicide Prevention Walk will be occurring Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. on the Campus Green with registration starting at 3:30 p.m.

The campaign starts this week with members of the class of 2015 posting up at locations across campus soliciting Random Acts of Kindness from members of the campus community.

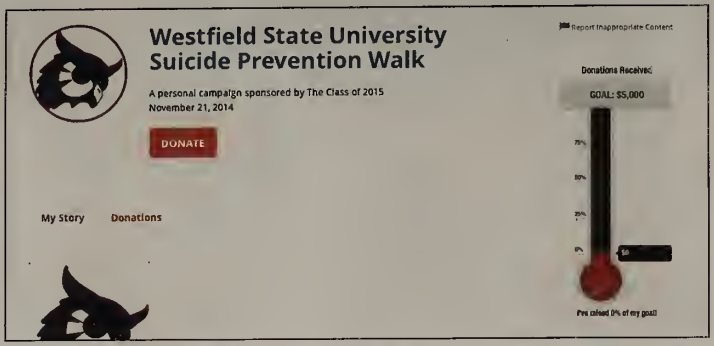
The class of 2013 started the walk during their senior year to promote suicide prevention.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, said in an email to The Westfield Voice, "We truly believe that something as small as a smile can truly impact someone's day and that an act of kindness can save a life." After the Random Act of Kindness part of the campaign is over, there will be an awareness and education campaign that leads up to the event.

Signs that show statistics about suicide will be spread across campus starting Monday, Nov. 17.

A QPR training session will be held Thursday, Nov. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Owl's Nest. QPR, which stands for Question, Persuade, Refer, will be hosted by the Counseling Center. It will help students navigate through the difficult conservations that come with preventing the suicide of a close friend or family member.

Last year, students who wanted to participate in the walk formed teams, similar to what Relay for Life or the Buzz-Off for Cancer does.



Screenshot of the donation website hosted by the American Federation for Suicide Prevention. Donations can be made at afsp.donordrive.com/campaign/westfieldstate.

"This year we are trying something new. Instead of individual teams, we are now one united Westfield State University team," said Darrach.

He added, "We believe that by trying this that the walk will bring us that much closer as a community coming together for a very important cause."

All money that is raised by the event goes to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

To help fundraise for the event, you can go to http://afsp.donordrive.com/campaign/westfieldstate.

"We really want to encourage and empower every individual on campus and in the community to know that they can make a difference and potentially save a life," added Darrach.

Questions about the event can be directed to the class of 2015 council, and to the class of 2016 council, who will be helping with the event.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Since the start of the semester, campus police have received several reports from female students that a male was attempting to look in on them showering in John Adams Hall. Some report that he had an iPhone and may have taken pictures or video. UMPD is urging all students to be aware and report any suspicious behavior.

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Syracuse University

In light of the recent holiday, Syracuse University is working to spread awareness concerning their student veterans and how their service may affect their academic career. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and other anxiety disorders have a profound impact that is not always apparent. Veterans programs at SU strive to help veterans with the adjustment.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Construction on the Harvard Square Tunnel in has been delayed due to poor weather conditions. The work began in October of 2012 and was supposed to be finished by this time last year. Unfortunately, issues with the weather caused the concrete to require resetting. The project should be completed by the end of November.

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Voice of the Week: Casey Howe. The story behind the injury

Renae Hatcher
Voice Contributor

It was Dec. 18, 2013 – the day had finally arrived. After almost four months of waiting, it was time for surgery: there was no turning back now. She did not know it then but her life as she knew it was about to change.

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At first, the results of the x-rays showed no signs of fractures, but Howe later learned that was most likely due to the large amount of swelling in her ankle. An MRI then showed results of torn ligaments and tendons, along with a torn retinaculum and three fractures. Surgery was needed.

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Though she loved the game of volleyball, Howe had her concerns about whether or not to try out for the team. There would be a large workload due to her nursing classes; she would barely have any free time, and let's be honest, trying out for a varsity sport in college is terrifying. Despite her nerves and the obvious challenges she would face, Howe tried out and made the team.

As a student athlete here at Westfield State, Casey Howe said she has learned a lot about herself in response to the injury. While it was not easy sitting out for almost all of the season, she knew what had to be done in order to step foot on the court again. Unfortunately, injuries not only take time to heal but they take time to rebuild as well. Howe is now in the final weeks of her junior year volleyball season and said, "I feel like this season was more difficult because it was filled with many setbacks, but next season, going on almost two years after surgery, I will finally be able to start building up strength and hopefully get back to normal." Some of these setbacks include: overusing her uninjured foot, hurting the ankle while practicing on it on a daily basis, and the head coach feeling as though she is not ready to play throughout an entire volleyball match. Howe dealt with these obstacles as best as she could and focused on her improvements. After practicing daily for about three months this year, Howe said, "You have your good days and you have your bad days." One day you feel strong, and the next morning you wake up in pain. "It's all about your outlook."

While it is, "hard to prove yourself" after dealing with an injury, Howa said she is mentally feeling stronger than ever. The injury not only took a toll on her physically but mentally as well. Because surgery left her bedridden for all of Christmas break, she lost touch with frienda and was unable to take part in their fastivities. "Bouncing back from this was tough, but I am finally starting to feel like myself again" said Howa. With almost a full season completed after the injury had occurred, the athlete said she is, "ready to kick [butt]" her senior year, and as her teammate, I know she will.

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crime log

On Nov. 7, malicious destruction occurred at 12:10 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is being investigated.

On Nov. 7, a drug law violation occurred at 12:25 a.m. in South Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 7, a suspended registration was discovered at 1:41 p.m. on Scanlon Road. A summons was issued.

On Nov. 7, a liquor law violation occurred at 5:55 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The Case as referred to Student Conduct.

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On Nov. 8, a drug law violation occurred at 2:40 a.m. in South Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 8, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:11 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 8, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:26 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 9, a drug law violation occurred at 10:32 p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

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Westfield State First-Year students connect over common read during the third annual First-Year READ author lecture

From Press Release

Westfield State University will welcome author Anne Fadiman on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Fadiman's novel, "The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down," was chosen as the First-Year READ for incoming first-year students. Her lecture will focus on the novel and student reaction.

The First-Year READ is a component of the First-Year Forward program launched in 2012 as part of a comprehensive retention initiative to enhance the success of first-year students and retain them to graduation.

Specifically, the First-year READ creates an intellectual foundation for incoming students as they jump into college-level coursework. The students are encouraged to read the common text during the summer.

The text is then used in many English Composition and other core courses. A multidisciplinary film and lecture series, held throughout the fall, compliments the book.

Each year, a committee of English composition faculty gathers to review more than 35 books for the First-Year READ.

Past selections include "Gang Leader for a Day" by Sudir Venkatesh and "Half the Sky" by Nicolas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

Both Venkatesh and WuDunn addressed the campus community in 2012 and 2013.

Maureen McCartney, associate dean of Academic Achievement at Westfield State, provided a list of criteria that the books must meet in order to be chosen.

To be considered, the book must be a piece of nonfiction and accessible to first-year students who are reading it over the summer without any guidance.

It must be interdisciplinary and connect with different areas of study. The book should also address issues of social justice, equity and use academic research. Lastly, it should have an insight that can be applied to current issues in the nation and world.

"The Spirit Catches You..." was first published in 1998 and centers around a young Hmong family who migrates from Laos to California. Shortly after her birth, daughter Lia Lee develops epilepsy.

Due to a misunderstanding of the girl's condition and of her family's culture by American doctors, Lia Lee's future is changed forever.

Fadiman's look into this non-fiction piece of clashing cultures and medicine won her the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Current Interest.

Jennifer DiGrazia, associate professor of English, is one of the committee members who voted for Fadiman's novel. She said that "The Spirit Catches You..." gives first-year students a way to connect with current events and writing.

"Composition students have discussed a number of issues this year including immigration, infectious disease, cross-cultural communication and how Western medicine works as a system and or the concept of a discourse community," said DiGrazia. "We used the book to launch and to inform our writing assignments, representing a range of genres, including personal essays, papers based on observation and interview, as well as forms of textual analysis and blog posts."

Anne Fadiman's visit is sponsored the Westfield State Guest Lecture series. The Guest Lecture Series is supported by funding from the Academic Affairs budget to enhance student learning and service to the larger community.

An advisory committee with representation by the faculty and librarians, staff, and students review proposals and recommend selection of proposals for the year. For more information on upcoming speakers in the Guest Lecture Series, please visit http://www.westfield.ma.edu/speakerseries.

There will be a question and answer session after the lecture. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Maureen McCartney at 413-572-8801.

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from the voice vault

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Quirky movie reviewer comes to W.S.C.

by Kate Mahoney

Channel 22's zany movie-reviewer, Sy Becker, visited Westfield State College last week to give the campus a taste of what the broadcasting world is really like.

Becker, famous for his quirky mannerisms and dancing eyebrows, not only discussed the world of TV news but also gave students an upclose look at his lively personality and hyper sense of humor.

"I'm here to tell you everything you never hear in Journalism class," Becker said. He explained that in the broadcasting world, wardrobe and personality are more important than the actual stories being reported.

"People want to be entertained," he said. "TV is simply a business of entertainment, it's show biz. Half of the viewers don't give a damn about the news."

Becker explained that in order to be in TV, you must be in love with yourself. "There's no one in TV who isn't egotistical," he said. "Ego is a damn good thing. It can be a terrific force. If you think a lot of yourself, you'll do a good job."

"One thing you don't do is the arrogance bit," he said. "Don't tell the world you're stuck up and they'll think highly of you."

Another thing you do not do in broadcasting, Becker explained, is use any four letter words. The worst being D-U-L-L. "You can't be likable unless you're lively," he said. "Funny, entertaining, and sincere all equal likable."

Becker made a few humorous comparisons between Channel 22 and Channel 40, utilizing his ego, and his entertaining, "crowd-pleasing" attitude.

According to Becker, Channel 22 "beats the hell" out of Channel 40 in the ratings because they write better stories and have more likable and entertaining anchors. "We got Brenda, We got Dave," Becker exclaimed, gesticulating excitedly to the audience.

He referred to Priscilla and Sid of Channel 40 as unfortunates. "Viewers will be watching Channel 40 and they'll see an angry Priscilla snarling and Sid snoozing, and they'll turn to Channel 22 to see a livelier crew," he said, drawing an explosion of laughter from the audience.

"That unfortunate man by the name of Sid Starks doesn't smile, he doesn't breath, he's so low key you don't know he's alive," Becker said, laughing.

Becker calls himself a featured player in the news business. "I go on the air several times a week for two minutes and create chaos," he said. "I want you to remember me, whether you like me or hate me. I want you to say, 'HE'S CRAZY.' Then you'll want to see it again."

It's obvious that people do want to see his craziness again as the audience strongly demanded he give them his famous line, "Here's another looook at the movies." He, being in the business of "entertainment", didn't let his viewers down.

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"Damn the Man!" benefit concert raises funds for WSKB

BY JESSICA NORDEN
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On Saturday February 2, WSC's own radio station WSKB held a "Damn the Man! Save WSKB! Benefit Concert" to help raise funds for the radio station.

The concert was held from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. Many bands traveled to perform at the concert, which had a decent turnout.

The concert started off with a performance by the band Rendered followed by an acoustic set by Nate Sigman, a WSC sophomore.

Bob Pepek performed next, and commented on the concert. "I think it's a great idea. It helps out that some of my friends go here, and anyway that I can help contribute is awesome."

Pepek also added, "This concert can help out the radio station and it makes the bands' music available to the public."

Following Pepek were performances by the bands Arcade Radio and Broken in Fire.

Sophomore Katey Malia, a WSKB DJ, shared her thoughts on the concert. "This is quite cool, and there's a diverse range in music."

Oregon Underground, featuring seniors Jay Renslow on vocals and guitar, Martin Lee on bongo drums and WSC alumni Shaun Davis on bass, were up next.

Renslow, after wrapping up his set, gave his input on the benefit. "It's great. This brings bands together for a good cause. The student-run organizations can still put together great events."

"This is really positive for the school itself. The radio station is being neglected and we need new updated equipment," said Steve Allisnn, another WSKB DJ and Executive Board member.

Random Gazebos, a Nashua New Hampshire band performed for a good sized crowd, and then Mobile Confusion followed, with Matt Harr on vocals and guitar, Jeff Vanasse on vocals and bass, Anthony Cartesi on drums and Tom O'Connell on guitar and vocals.

WSKB DJ Scott Toomey gave his input on the concert. "It's going alright so far. I expect more people will show up later, but the people here now are showing a great deal of enthusiasm for the bands that are here performing. I'm hoping we make a lot of money."

The Skeptics performed to a somewhat larger crowd. The Skeptics feature Tony DiSanto on vocals and guitar, Ryan Samson on bass, Caley M. Ward on drums and Rob Kapitzki on lead guitar and vocals.

Scattered was the next band featured, and included Bill Knauss, Jess Ameigh, Dave Bielunis and Matt Samble.

The next performers were Dave Lucander and Brian Vermouth, who collaborated and performed a spoken word. The crowd seemed to appreciate the unique performance.

"People are the ones to go out and make things happen. It takes us the students to help with our school to make it how we want our school to be. Go out and do it yourself," said Lucander afterwards.

Sophomore Dave Kowalski, an audience member, gave his thoughts on the event. "It's good because it's money for the station, plus it gives students something to do on the weekend. There's a variety of music here being performed from acoustic to punk."

Knock 'Em Dead were the next band of the night, featuring Mike Bedrosian on drums, Myke Cameron on guitar, Jon Nable on bass, Rob Nehring un trumpet, Nick Murphy on trumpet, Graham Houtchens on saxophone and Jim Blair on vocals.

"It's a good idea because the radio station has to keep playing good music and playing local music makes the bands go public and get airplay." said Blair.

Quit to Win performed next to a good sized crowd. Quit to Win features DJ Renzi on vocals, Joe DeChristopher on bass, Jim Corbut on drums and Rick Conlin on guitar. They performed a few of their own songs and a cover of Elton John's "Your Song".

Renzi commented on the concert. "It's a great idea, Melissa did an awesome job and WSC hasn't ever had anything this big with so many different bands performing at one time since I've been here. It's really cool, I just wish more people were here and a lot of bands have performed today which is awesome."

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Knock 'Em Dead performing at WSKB's benefit concert.

34 Spoons entertained the crowd and Room 237 performed after them to a pretty good-sized crowd. Kobe Tai then gave a performance that the audience enjoyed.

WSKB DJ Jon Sewell gave his opinion of the concert. "It was really cool for the bands to come in and play for free. It's promoting non-commercial music, college radio, and the price to students is definitely affordable. Plus, the station needs as much money as we can get."

Lost Inside a Rubix Cube and Skarmy of Darkness were the next bands to perform for the night to a smaller, but enthusiastic crowd.

"It's a good thing because it's a great way to benefit the station and explore local music," said Bob McDonald, a freshman, and WSKB DJ.

Sophomore Gino Gangai, also a DJ, shared his views of the event. "This is for a good cause, and it's a good reason to promote school spirit. It's a bit sad that more people haven't shown, though."

The bands Level Ride and Pangloss ended the night, and performed to a small, intimate crowd that enjoyed a good close to a great night.

WSKB General Manager Melissa Saporetti, who organized the entire concert, gave her opinion of how the benefit went. "It was really exciting. I wish attendance was a little higher, but everyone who came was really interested. The bands were awesome, some of them came pretty far just to perform today and they played for no money...just for fun."

Saporetti also mentioned that another benefit will be held the first weekend in March. "Overall, I was very happy and everything went great."

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Come On Russia — You seriously went there?

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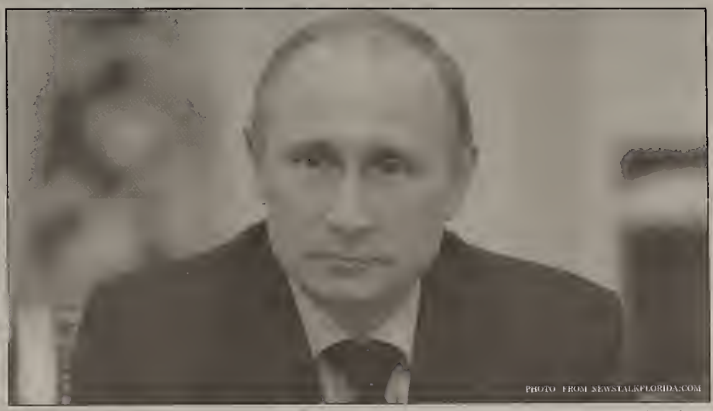

NATO reports that Russian military equipment and armed combat troops began entering the Ukraine this past Monday. The Russian Defense Ministry denied these reports. Tensions are expected to rise in the coming days.

The BBC reported on November 12th that NATO reports of Russian military equipment and armed combat troops entering the Ukraine over the last few days starting on Monday November 10th. General Phillip Breedlove stated that columns of military personal crossed over from the Ukrainian-Russian border into the separatist held territory.

Meanwhile the Russian Defense Ministry denies the "allegations" and reports saying that Russia has not sent forces into Eastern Ukraine held by Pro-Russian forces. The Organization for Safety and Co-Operation in Europe has warned that the troops would spark an escalation in the hostilities currently surrounding the Ukrainian crisis. NATO officials are demanding that Russia withdraws its military support from the Ukraine and maintain neutrality in the current conflict. Russia has made no effort to maintain any sort of "neutrality".

This just seems to be the tip of the iceberg for the current hostilities in the Ukrainian Conflict. The Russian equipment being sent in is just a clear violation of the "peaceful" intentions that the Kremlin has voiced in the recent months. As I have said in other publications, Russia has NO INTENTION of maintaining any sort of "Peaceful" actions in eastern Ukraine.

A few issues ago, I mentioned that Russia had launched a couple of unannounced aircrafts into European airspace that included a wide variety of "hostile actions" including radio silence with both military and civilian air traffic control.

I don't know how it could be a "nonaggressive" action to send military equipment, including artillery, into a rebel held territory. Besides the fact that Russia seems to be the only major player to gain from a separatists referendum that is expected to be in the next election cycle (most European and NATO powers don't recognize the elections), I can only imagine what would happen if the separatists were to vote in favor of joining the Russian federations.

It is not to say that the rebels are being met without resistance. Both CNN and BBC publications have reported that rebels are being met with military resistances around most of the major cities in their "zone of control", just last week the city of Donetsk was bombarded with heavy rocket fire, with other cities seeing infantry raids from the Ukrainian government.

The most problematic speculation that is of major international concern seems to be a flashback to the Cuban Missile Crisis. It would appear that Russia is trying to establish launch pads in Crimea that would be able to launch ballistic missiles with the capability to launch nuclear weapons.

Both NATO and US officials in the region, who also have reported that hostilities between the involved parties have escalated in light of recent events, confirm this report.

Now I don't need to remind everyone the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis that occurred oh so long ago, but it can be said that the current situation in Crimea look eerily familiar.

Russia has announced a plan to reestablish its cross hemisphere air force patrols from Russian soil all the way to the Caribbean.

Besides this revival of cold war era "schemes" and this modern case of a Missile Crisis, the Minsk Agreement "ceasefire that was supposed to occur on September 5th of this year has had major setbacks in an implementation of the demilitarized zone established in the agreement.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on last Tuesday that the German government has no plans to support an increase in economic sanctions imposed on Russia, but has expressed a considerable amount of displeasure (alongside other EU members) over the lack of progress that the Minsk agreement has made.

Though besides the US, Germany is the only other power involved whose economic sanctions would pose a major threat to Russian economic gains.

Ukrainian Officials have said that the recent deployment of Russian forces have sparked a reformation/deployment effort by the Ukrainian military to prepare for a potential Russian offensive in the upcoming months. However, NATO officials are still pursuing a peaceful resolution to this crisis.

My personal opinion on the matter is very simple: If Russia is prepared for a military conflict—NATO should be as well. If Putin is so committed to increasing hostilities in the region, there needs to be an international effort to prevent Russian annexation of Crimea.

We are at the point where the Ukrainian people have surrendered their sovereignty and the international organization (NATO/UN) have declared their sovereignty/independence an international issue, and thus must obtain an international effort to resolve. Russia has relied on aggression to influence diplomatic activities; it should only be a short amount of time before their bluff will be called.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

The health and beauty benefits of tea

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As the weather gets colder, many people start to trade their iced drinks for hot ones. Teas, especially green tea, have great health benefits and have been used for centuries. Tea is rich in antioxidants and has anti-inflammatory properties.

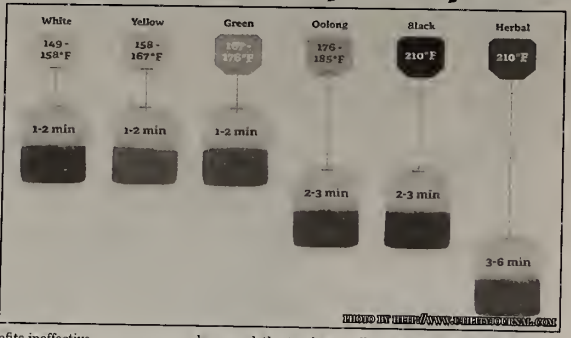
Researchers say tea can boost the body's defenses against infection and might be able to turn into a drug that can protect against disease and, unfortunately for coffee lovers, coffee does not contain these properties. According to a study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a component of tea found in laboratory experiments primes the immune system to attack invading bacteria, viruses, and fungi.

A second experiment showed that tea drinkers' immune system blood cells responded five times faster to germs than the cells of coffee drinkers.

Green tea is my personal favorite of the teas that have great nutritional value. Polyphenols, potent plant antioxidants, are what give green tea its health benefits. Green tea can even fight the influenza virus. To maximize the benefits of green tea and minimize bitterness, use just-below-boiling water and steep the tea for no more than a minute or two. A little lemon and honey can also help with the bitterness.

Also, I recommend using Truvia, or any form of Stevia as a sweetener. This is a natural sweetener that has zero calories but is not made from artificial sweeteners. I do not like to use artificial sweeteners because they are synthetic and man-made. When trying to cut the bitterness of green tea, make sure to not use milk.

The proteins found in milk will bind to the polyphenols, making the health benefits ineffective.



There are many health benefits of tea, but there are also many other uses for tea bags. Here are a few other ways you can use tea bags in everyday life.

Rids smelly feet odor. Smelly feet and perfume do not mix. Instead, you can put any dry tea bags in your shoes, and the tea bags will absorb any unpleasant odors. So the next time you take off your sneakers or moccasins, put some dry tea bags inside the shoe when you go to store them.

Calms skin after shaving. If your legs are itchy and red after shaving, try pressing a cool black tea bag onto your skin. The tannins work to provide relief from razor burns and can sooth your skin.

Reduces puffy eyes and dark under-eye circles. The caffeine in the tea bags helps to shrink blood vessels underneath the skin and eliminate darkness around the eyes.

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from the editor's desk

As cold weather approaches, worries arise over impending potholes

Avid readers of mine might recall the editorial that I wrote about the roads of Westfield.

As it is getting to be colder and as the winter weather approaches, the drivers of Westfield are trained to prepare for their mortal enemy: potholes.

The potholes on the city streets are big enough to swallow a small child, and for years the politicos have done absolutely nothing about it.

I even put the telephone number of the mayor's office and the superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

Now while I am positive that nobody called or bothered to notice that I put those numbers with the article, I am encouraged by the new paving job that was done on Court Street on the road leading to the rotary in the center of Westfield.

It takes care of two issues that were omnipresent for years.

The first issue was the many different grooves, potholes, and weird indicacies of the road.

A road surface needs to be smooth and free of obstruction. There should not be white knuckle driving scenarios every time you go down the road.

The second issue that it took care of was the lack of lines on the road.

Before, it was a free-for-all with cars thinking that there were two lines on the majority of Court Street before it narrowed itself out at the intersection of Court and Noble Streets by Noble Hospital.

It is amazing to now drive down both sides of the road and know where my car is supposed to go.

To say that this is an advancement in the conditions of the infrastructure of Westfield is an understatement.

The necessity, though, is to keep up with the potholes as they develop. That will be the challenge—a challenge which will hopefully be kept up with deliberate speed.

Joshua Clark is a senior history major and the editor-in-chief of The Westfield Voice.

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top 10 albums

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2. NOW 52 - Various Artists
3. Montevallo - Sam Hunt
4. My Dream Duets - Barry Manilow
5. Old Boots, New Dirt - Jason Aldean
6. Anything Goes - Florida Georgia Line
7. Led Zeppelin IV - Led Zeppelin
8. Love Ran Red - Chris Tomlin
9. .5: The Gray Chapter - Slipknot
10. Black Veil Brides - Black Veil Brides

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5. Rosewater
6. The Toy Soldiers
7. Saving Christmas
8. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part One
9. Happy Valley
10. The Sleepwalker

MUSICAL THEATER GUILD

WSKB Brings Live Music to Campus

Jake Lehan & Pat Rice
Voice Contributors

This November has been an exciting month for live music on campus. The weekend of Nov. 1, WSKB's Halloween Band Blitz celebrated a smashing success as seven local bands rocked the campus for six hours.

An anonymous enthusiast using the social-network Yik Yak said that those who were not in attendance were missing out. The same could be said for the P-Rice Fall Hip-Hop Showcase.

The campus has not seen this much activity from WSKB in the radio station's history.

Two shows down, now you cannot miss WSKB's More Than Music Hardcore Show Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Owl's Nest! Check Facebook and keep an eye out for posters.

This past weekend, WSKB's own hip-hop director Patrick Rice (P-Rice) held his second live hip-hop showcase. P-Rice has been active in Westfield's Hip-Hop community since he first arrived on the airwaves back in the fall of 2011.

Since then P-Rice has gained many connections within the local hip-hop scene. This past weekend on Saturday, Nov. 8 in the Owl's Nest at Westfield State, P-Rice put the spotlight on the artists at his WSKB sponsored talent showcase.

Artists from West Springfield, New Britain, Hartford Connecticut, Brooklyn New York, New Jersey, Milford/Medway, and Westfield performed at The P-Rice Fall Hip-Hop Showcase. Many of the artists from these areas were some of the best in their region.

The lyrical tyrant E.S.P. tells lyrical insight stories and opinions in his songs laced with classic boom-bap productions.

Also at the show was local rising conscience emcee Sean Byrne, who has a buzz running through Western Mass and has opened for Afroman and Three 6 Mafia.

The two groups brought marvelous performances with grasping live performances.

From New Jersey P-Rice had Mo the General tear up the stage with signature underground production and chants that had the crowd rocking.

By the end of the show, Westfield's own DJ Pi-Wrecks DJ'd the live cypher in which rappers and emcees that were not on the setlist had the opportunity to perform live with their best freestyle off the dome or verses.

The P-Rice Fall Hip-Hop Showcase brought in a warm community of hip-hop lovers that were visibly captivated with the discovery this new music.

P-Rice and all the artists could not thank the community enough for the support, and they are all making sure that Westfield is prepared for the Spring Showcase.

You can catch P-Rice's Show Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. on 89.5fm WSKB weekly. ~ WSKB 89.5 fm

WSKB 89.5 FM Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 - 8 a.m.		"Community Corner" with Diane Mclean	"WOW! It's Tuesday!" with Bob Piasse & Jay Pagliuca	"Wake up, Wednesday" with Tina Gorman	"The Westfield News Radio Show" with Patrick Berry	"J.P.'s Talk About Town" with Jay Pagliuca	"Pioneer Valley Polka Party" with Wayne Smith
8 - 10 a.m.		"Commuter Radio" with Luis Arzola	"Owls on the Air" with Michael "Buster" McMahon	"Mornings with Mayor Dan" with Mayor Dan Knapik	"Sports Talk and Office Hours" with Patrick Berry		"Wayne's World of Music and Memories" with Wayne Smith
10 - 12 p.m.	"Back in Time" with James Sandman						
12 - 2 p.m.	"Synthpop and Nonsense" with Sam Dos and Hot-Max	Matt Sturdevant	"Owls Sports Show" with Anthony Svenson & Devin Bates		"Listening to the Left" with Erika Haydan	"The Escape" w/ Justin Fernandes	"EOogg 413's Sow Oown Throwback Jamz" with Emmett Withorspoon
2 - 4 p.m.		"Carson's Classics" w/ Carson Barcome			"Carsi's Crease" with Jack Corsi	Office Hours	"The Oorplery" with Dick Scott and Friends
4 - 8 p.m.	Tim O'Malley	"Kiana & Alisha" w/ Kiana Lowe & Alisha Delisseint	"Hip Hop with Miko" with Michael Barry	"Sports Talk" with Nic Odell	"2 DJs 1 Show" with Bryce Fournier and Cam Brett	"Hip Hip Hooradio" with Liz Curran	
6 - 8 p.m.	"VAMI" w/ Annie Ciek, Victoria Sifkonis & Marissa Cramin	"Jami" with Aaliyah Mercer, Joseph Seal and Michael Norman	"Music Through the Decades" w/ Matt Chadwick	"The P-Rice Show" with Pat Rice		"What's the Beef" w/ Josh Blayer, Cam Lewis & Brian Plumb	
8 - 10 p.m.		"Hip Hop Hour" with Charles Darby	"WSCH" with Nathan and Steve	"Nostalgic Future" w/ Jake Lehan & Anthony Duarte	"Clarklin on the Radio" with Josh Clark and Matt Carlin	"The Brick House" w/ Moses Moe	
10 - 12 a.m.	Rory Barbarisi		"The Time Warp" with Sam Weinberg and Alex Carini	"Sabrina & Ed" w/ Sabrina Farley & Ed Blouin		"Nunu & Craw" with Nick Anson and Scott Nixon	

KNOWING TO COOK

Cooking With Spirits

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Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Despite what you may gander from reading the above title, this week's column is not about cooking with ghosts. If there was a time to do that it would have been two Fridays ago on Halloween.

No, I am speaking of a different kind of spirit: the alcoholic kind. Note that before you continue reading, and because I feel that there is a need for disclaimer here, this edition is strictly focused on utilizing spirits as an ingredient in a meal and not to drink, especially if you are under the age of 21.

That being said, seeing as I am protected by the First Amendment and have provided a clear disclaimer which no doubt will rear its head again when this piece comes to a close, I shall continue.

About a month ago, a friend of mine asked me if I would be willing to write a column on cooking with alcohol as an ingredient.

Naturally, seeing as this campus is littered with constant violations of the liquor law, I was apprehensive; however, as I continued to think, I realized I could write a column about using alcohol as an ingredient in cooking, provided I set a disclaimer as noted above, but I digress.

The most common alcohol utilized as an ingredient in cooking is wine. The Italians, French, Spanish, Greeks, Chileans, South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders, Chinese, Japanese, and Americans all cook with wine.

Commonly, wine is made from different fermented grapes all of which contain a unique flavor.

Wine can be split into multiple different classifications, the most encompassing of which is the classification between red wine and white wine.

For those who are wine connoisseurs, red wine is most commonly paired with meat dishes whereas white wine is most commonly paired with seafood dishes. Likewise, as an ingredient, the pairing of wine with food is much the same.

I believe it was last semester that I provided you all with a recipe for mussels and shrimp with linguine; one of the ingredients of which was white wine. White wines are customarily lighter and crisper than red wines, which have much bolder and heavier flavors. So, naturally, when cooking with ingredients as delicate as fish, one would not splash a heavy red wine all over a meal that is intended to be refreshing.

Seeing as red wine is also commonly not paired with fish, though there are some recipes that do, adding it into the meal would offset the balance of flavors you are trying to achieve.

Now, it is worth pointing out that when cooking with wine and other spirits, all of the alcohol is cooked away. The cooking process basically steams away all of the alcohol and what remains is a beautiful dish which has absorbed the flavors of the fruits and spices which were a part of the spirit. Such famous dishes as coc au vin, chicken cacciatore, and boeuf bourguignon all utilize wine as a main ingredient.

Since wine is such an integral part of the aforementioned recipes, they are slow-cooked to allow all of the alcohol to be cooked away so the other flavors can take hold. There are also several other dishes in the European and Asian repertoires that use wine as an integral ingredient in dishes.

Over the last few years, there has been a debate amongst chefs about the use of what is known as cooking wine. Cooking wine, also known as vermouth or sherry, is wine that is specifically made for cooking.

There are those chefs who believe in cooking wines, while others believe that drinkable wine is the wine you should use when you cook.

Seeing as I do not drink, I cannot take one side or the other; however, I can certainly see where the argument against the use of cooking wine is originating. What is the point of using something that is specifically made to be cooked, which I am told often contains very little flavor, as opposed to something that is filled with rich and wonderful flavors that complement the other ingredients in the dish?

In recent years, other alcoholic beverages such as beer and vodka have become popular to use in dishes. The Irish often add a good swig of Guinness to their hearty stews to add an extra level of flavor.

Here in the United States, a method of grilling chicken, titled beer-cooked or beer can chicken, has become popular.

Basically, you stuff a can of beer inside of a seasoned chicken and grill it vertically over indirect heat. As the beer if cooked off, it seasons the chicken from the inside out and you are left with moist and juicy chicken skin.

Now, I will reiterate for my own purposes, that this edition has been focused on alcoholic beverages, such as wine and beer, as ingredients to be used while cooking. I believe I have made my point crystal-clear.

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

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ICE HOCKEY

Owls win first MASCAC game of 2014-15

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Freshman farward Cody Campbell-Rich gave Westfield a 4-0 lead in the second period against Framingham State with a wrist shot from the right face-off circle. The Owls defeated Framingham in their home opener 6-4.

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls hockey team won their home opener Tuesday night at Amelia Park, defeating Framingham State, 6-4 in front of a near-capacity crowd.

Going into the game, the Owls won their opener against Western New England at the Mass Mutual Center as part of the annual Falcon Cup rivalry, 1-0. They then defeated Assumption College on the road and lost to Curry College on the road as well. Both those games decided by a lone goal.

Framingham came off a 5-5 tie to conference foe UMass-Dartmouth the previous night and were expected to score high against the Owls while they look for their first win of the season.

The Owls took an early lead soon in the game as Westfield scored three goals in the first period to go up 3-0. Dalton Jay, Frank Zuccaro, and Nik Passero all scored for the Owls in the opening period.

In the second period, the Owls extended their lead to 4-0 with a goal by Cody Campbell-Rich early in the frame. It was soon after that Framingham finally started to answer back.

The first Framingham goal of the game came midway through the second period when Richard O'Connor scored on a four-on-four opportunity. After a Westfield widened the gap to 5-1, Framingham State cut the lead back down to two going into the third period on a pair of late goals by Dean Cavicchi and Cameron Hoffman at the end of the second period.

In the third period, Nik Passero scored his second goal of the game to put the Owls up 6-3. Framingham then scored another goal by Ryan McDonald to bring Westfield's lead back down to two, but couldn't rally as the Owls were able to hold onto their lead.

This was another high scoring game for Framingham State, but this time it wasn't in their favor.

Westfield State dominated the shots on goal, winning the battle 41-31. They committed seven penalties to Framingham's five on the night, and both teams were able to take advantage of that. Westfield State was one for five on power plays, while Framingham State was one for seven.

Westfield State goaltender Ian Perrier was phenomenal for the Owls, saving 27 shots on the night. Framingham State started freshman goaltender Rob Meadows, who struggled throughout the game as he allowed four goals and stopped a mere 14 shots before he was relieved by senior goaltender Matt Crescione, who stopped 21 of 23 shots.

With the win, the Owls improve to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in MASCAC play, while Framingham State falls to 0-2-1 overall, 0-1-1 in MASCAC play.

Westfield State's next game is at home against Salem State, then after that they have three consecutive games on the road against Fitchburg State, UMass-Dartmouth, and Franklin Pierce before coming home on December 4th against Worcester State. It proves to be a tough test for the Owls as Salem State is the class of the MASCAC conference in terms of hockey, while Fitchburg State and UMass-Dartmouth also prove to be tough conference opponents.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events	*Upcoming Owls Athletics Events*
Thursday, November 6th M Ice Hockey at Curry College L 2-3 OT	*Thursday, November 13th* M Ice Hockey vs Salem State 7:35 p.m.
Friday, November 7th W Soccer Semifinals vs Framingham State W 4-0	*Friday, November 14th* Football vs Western Connecticut State 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 8th M/W XC ECAC D-III Champ. M 23/43 - W 15/48 W Swimming at UMass Dartmouth Invite (non-scoring meet) Football vs Worcester State L 22-35 W VBall Semifinals at Worcester State L 1-3	*Saturday, November 15th* M/W XC NCAA D-III New England Regional Championships 11:00 a.m. W Swimming vs. Mount Holyoke College 1:00 p.m. M BBall vs Manhattanville 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 9th W Soccer Championship at Worcester State L 0-1	*Sunday, November 16th* M BBall Consolation or Championship at Woodward
Tuesday, November 11th M Ice Hockey vs Framingham State W 6-4	*Tuesday, November 18th* W BBall vs Mount Ida College 7:00 p.m.

Women's Cross Country places 15th at ECAC Championships

PHOTO FROM WSU ATHLETIC DEPT.

Senior Jenn Holley placed second for Westfield and 100th overall with a time of 25:01. The Owls will race again Saturday at the NCAA Regionals.

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State placed 15th at the 2014 ECAC Division III Women's Cross Country Championships held at Stanley Park on Saturday.

Westfield, which did not run its top seven runners in preparation for next Saturday's NCAA Regional Qualifying meet, was led by a 75th place finish from Katherine Leahy in 24:33 over the 6k course.

Jenn Holley placed 100th in 25:01 and Lindsay Stoldt placed 102nd in 25:03.

In total, 48 teams and 338 individual runners competed.

Williams won the team title and the Ephwomen's Rebecca Delacruz-Gunderson won the race in a time of 22:15

Westfield will be back in action next Saturday, competing at the NCAA Regional Championships at Mount Greylock in Williamstown, Mass.

Sypek's record goal helps advance Owls

Nathan Bashaw
Asst. Sports Information Director
WSU Athletics Dept.

Sarah Sypek (Westhampton, Mass./ Hampshire Regional) scored a record breaking 21st goal of the season to put the finishing touch on a 3-0 win for Westfield State in an ECAC tournament women's soccer quarterfinal game on Wednesday, Nov. 12 on Alumni Field.

The win brings Westfield's overall record to 13-5-2 and the Leopards' season comes to a close at 9-9-4.

Sypek's goal came curtesy of an Ashley Bovat (Westfield Mass./ Westfield) through ball 25 minutes into the second half. The assist sprung Sypek free in the penalty box and she was able to beat the keeper on the near post.

Sypek's 21st goal breaks the mark set by Kayley Miller in 2012 for most goals on a season by an Owl. She also climbs past Miller for the all-time lead with 51 total points in a season breaking the mark of 49 set in 2012 as well.

The Sypek and Bovat combination was also responsible for the opening goal of the game in the 25th minute. This time Sypek set the table with a ball over the top of the Leopards' defense that Bovat tracked down in space before finding the far corner of the net.

Seven minutes later Ashleigh Chretien (North Attleboro Mass./ North Attleboro) got in on the action with an assist from Amanda Grant (Westfield Mass./ Westfield). Grant controlled the ball at the top of 18 yard box and played a fake shot to draw the defense before dishing it off to Chretien who beat the goalie at point blank range.

Wentworh's Olivia Moore (Salem, Conn./ East Lyme) generated the best scoring opportunity for the Leopards when she raced past the back line of the Owls defense early in the second half but sent the shot wide.

Westfield outshot Wentworth 23-8 on the day and held a 6-4 advantage on corners.

Wentworth goalkeeper Nicole Leahey (Warwick, R.I./ The Prout School) had three saves before being relieved in the second half by Beverly Farris (Palmer, Mass./ Palmer) who added a stop of her own.

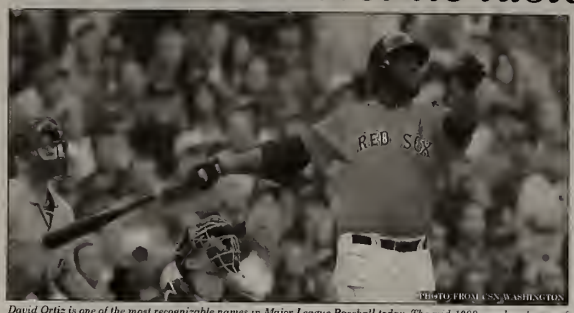
Anne Stack (East Longmeadow Mass./ East Longmeadow) and Leah Ciampa(Danvers Mass./ Danvers) turned away all four of the Leopards' shots on goal to preserve the shutout.

Westfield advances to the semi-finals of the ECAC tournament and travels to Beddeford, Maine, on Friday, Nov. 14 at 3:00 p.m. to take on the University of New England who beat Emmanuel 5-0 in their quarter-final matchup.

PHOTOS FROM WSU ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

(top) Sypek scores 21st goal of season in 3-0 win.
(bottom) Bovat got Owls on board 25 minutes into game.

Baseball has lost its luster in star players



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David Ortiz is one of the most recognizable names in Major League Baseball today. The mid 1900s produced some of the most famous and influential baseball players in history, but the sport has taken a backseat to football interest.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

What do Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Chipper Jones and David Ortiz all have in common? They were all at one point some of the biggest names in Major League Baseball.

But now with Jones's, Jeter's and Rivera's recent retirements, Ortiz remains one of the few recognizable and distinguished names in the game today. Household names in the sport of baseball are few and far between, and the lack thereof has really hurt the game that we recognize as our national pastime.

Baseball was, at one time, the most popular sport in the country in the mid to late 20th century, with plenty of universally known names such as Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron, and Pete Rose. But without the names to support the game, the game of baseball has taken a drastic toll in fan support, losing many of its beloved fans to the highly popular National Football League.

The game isn't as well received as it was before. Football is slowly taking over as the game of America because of all the recognizable faces of the game and vast number of superstar players, such as Drew Brees, Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, and Peyton Manning. For baseball to be as well received as football, we need the young stars of today to outperform and overachieve more than ever.

Players like Clayton Kershaw, Buster Posey, and Bryce Harper need to step up and exemplify their skills and revolutionize the game as their previous predecessors had done before. They, like many of the players that preceded them, have done very little, if anything, to change the way we watch baseball, and as a result its popularity is sorely plummeting.

When baseball was at its best, every year there were four to five guys that everyone knew and could say something about, whose very name rang through the streets and that so many youth and fans idolized as being the best of the best. But now, you don't have anyone you can look at and say that they have changed the game in a positive way. At this rate, baseball's once great glory could fade to mediocrity because of its lack of star power.

Baseball needs young talents like Giancarlo Stanton, Andrew McCutchen and Xander Bogaerts to transcend the game. Baseball is slowly becoming the "old man's game", but if one of the many young players can change the game, just as Derek Jeter or Mariano Rivera did, then surely the resurgence of baseball could finally be in front of us.

In order to accomplish that, players need not only to be skilled, but to set the example and put spark into the game. We need more enthusiasm and passion, and if so the fans will feel that same passion and enthusiasm that players feel. If something doesn't change, it'll only be a matter of time before Major League Baseball falls below the ranks of the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League.

Red Sox need initiative to contend for titles

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

The Boston Red Sox finished with one of the worst records in Major League Baseball last year, finishing last in the American League East at an abysmal 71-91 record following their World Series Championship just a year ago. After losing some of their best players last offseason, including Jacoby Ellsbury, the Red Sox suffered early on before trading away half their team, including John Lackey and Jon Lester, by the All Star Break. Now, with the 2015 season right around the corner, the Red Sox will need to act fast if they want any chance to be contenders come next October.

First, the Red Sox are going to need to fill their pitching gap. With the loss of Lester to Oakland last season, the Red Sox are looking to find a leader who can replace the star studded lefty. Although Lester is a free agent, it is extremely unlikely that that he would return to Boston after turning down a four year, $70 million offer last spring. Max Scherzer, who won the Cy Young Award in 2013 for the Detroit Tigers, would be an excellent addition to the starting rotation.

Scherzer had an excellent season last year, finishing with an 18-5 record with a 3.15 ERA in 220.1 innings. Although Scherzer will turn 31 in July, the Red Sox might have a chance to sign him if he can agree to a short term deal similar to the one they offered Lester.

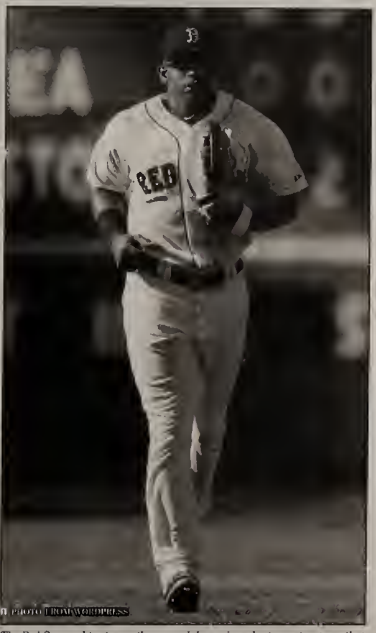
The Red Sox can also try to sign Brandon McCarthy if they want to spend less. McCarthy, who posted a 2.89 ERA in 14 starts after being traded to the Yankees last year. Although signing McCarthy would be a huge risk considering his stint in Arizona was less than successful, if McCarthy could replicate his success late last season, he would be a steal for Boston.

Though pitching seems to be the biggest worry for the Red Sox, Boston also needs to worry about their infield. Mike Napoli has been a disappointment for the Red Sox thus far, batting .248 with a mere 55 runs batted in last year while batting in the fifth spot.

Hanley Ramirez, who batted .283 in 128 games for the Dodgers last season, could shift over to first base for Boston, leaving the Red Sox the option to trade Napoli for a starting pitcher. The Red Sox could even try to trade away Napoli for a catcher as well as they also have Mookie Betts and/or Jackie Bradley, Jr. available to trade away with the signing of Rusney Castillo late last season.

Pablo Sandoval seems to be one of the best options for the Sox to fill their offensive and defensive gap. Sandoval, who led the San Francisco Giants to their third World Series Championship last October, batted .278 last year with 16 home runs and 73 runs batted in, could be a huge asset on both sides of the ball, especially if the Red Sox were to make the postseason next year.

Ideally, the Red Sox would sign Ramirez, Sandoval, and McCarthy, and either shift Napoli to third base (which I wouldn't recommend considering his performance over the past few years) or trade him along with Jackie Bradley, Jr. in exchange for a more consistent catcher. The Red Sox could even sign Russell Martin and just trade Napoli and Bradley Jr. for a starting pitcher. Either way, the Red Sox are going to need to move fast if they want to get ahead of the game and contend again soon.



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The Red Sox need to step on the gas pedal soon in order to create a team that is capable of contending for a World Series title in the next coming years.

Friday Night Lights

College Basketball returns after six month hiatus

PHOTO FROM NBC SPORTS

Kentucky returns four starters from last season's team and are projected, at the beginning of this season, to have eight first round draft picks. The Wildcats received 52 of the total 65 first place votes in the preseason poll and twins Andrew and Aaron Harrison have their eyes set on a national championship.

Friday Night Lights takes on a whole new meaning this week. 23 of the top 25 teams will take the court for the first time this season, 21 of which suit up for their home crowds. The day that basketball fans have been waiting for is finally here and it is as unpredictable as ever.

The most bizarre, yet understandable, storyline entering this season is the case of top-5 recruit, Emmanuel Mudiay. Mudiay originally committed to Larry Brown's SMU Mustangs team before deciding to sign professionally in China. The 6-5 point guard from Dallas signed a 1-year $1 million deal, becoming the first American high school player to skip college and play a season overseas since Brandon Jennings in 2008.

After an impending NCAA investigation into academics, Mudiay decided it would be in his best interest to play in China.

The ACC has gotten stronger this offseason by adding Louisville and the repeated successes of Rick Pitino and the Cardinals. Four of the top ten teams in the 2015 preseason poll are from the ACC and Duke has the number one recruiting class in the country. The ACC has done the best job of any conference in obtaining the premier programs from the separated Big East. On paper, the ACC has the best conference in the country, but none of the preseason top 5 last year finished in the top 5 in the week 19 final poll.

Kentucky received 52 of the 65 total first place votes in the AP preseason poll after recruiting 4 top 25 freshman and returning four starters from last season's championship runner-up team. The Wildcats and Calipari held an NBA draft combine earlier this season in which 90

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

scouts and front office personnel attended. Chad Ford listed eight players as first round draft picks after the workout, and Calipari is considering two 5-man rosters instead of a conventional 8-man rotation. Kentucky is the favorite to win the National Championship in 2015 and Calipari will coach his talent, as he does every year, into national contenders come March.

Defending champion Connecticut will have a spotlight on the program all season with a multifaceted team and a young and eccentric coach. Kevin Ollie won a national championship in his first season eligible for postseason participation. Learning from Hall of Famer Jim Calhoun and assistant coaching the 2011 team that also won a National Championship has aided Ollie in taking the reigns at the storied program.

Ryan Boatright will take over for Shabazz Napier as the experienced leader of the Huskies, but not amid multiple questions. Boatright is a premier player but has yet to be the number one option for the Huskies. He will be joined by NC State transfer Rodney Purvis after sitting out last season and incoming freshman Daniel Hamilton and Sam Cassell Jr.

It is not inconceivable to imagine the Huskies repeating as champions, but Boatright will have to step into a similar leadership role as Kemba Walker in 2011 and Napier in 2014. The guard heavy roster is one that can wear down opposing backcourts, and sophomore Amida Brimah draws comparisons to former UConn center Andre Drummond with his raw athleticism and size.

The Huskies are ranked 17th in the preseason poll this season, only one spot above their preseason ranking in 2014. As college basketball fans are aware of, however, it is not how you start; it's how you finish.

Fans can look forward to everything from Andy Katz sideline reports and Jay Bilas' insider predictions to Grinnell College players scoring 138 points in a single game. The most important day of the year has finally come, and before we know it, April will come and we will be looking forward to November again.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21-April 19):
Rome wasn't built in a day, but it would take you about an hour to sort out your petty problems.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20):
Follow your heart regardless of the protests from your mother, father, siblings, friends, co-workers, and extended family.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20):
Avoid all Virgos who bave restraining orders against you.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22):
Don't buy that car you've had your eye on. It's a lemon. Lemons aren't motor vehicles.

Leo
(July 23-August 22):
The position of Mars alludes to a strike of good fortune for you on the horizon of the year 2040.

Virgo
(August 23 - September 21)
That path you're heading down is a slippery slope. The stars suggest taking a flatter, more practical route.

Libra
(September 22-October 23):
We know that you bave an axe to grind with your best friend, but axes aren't allowed and are dangerous. Please be careful.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 21):
Be prepared for a drastic and sudden change in your life sometime over the next seven years.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21):
Great minds think alike! Too bad nobody ever seems to agree with you.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 19):
That new love interest you've had on your mind lately is going to be in your life long-term. We guarantee that he or she will most definitely be your first ex-spouse.

Aquarius
(January 20-February 18):
It seems as though you have been barking up the wrong tree. Stop that. You are not a dog.

Pisces
(February 19-March 22):
The stars are hazy for you this week, Pisces. Maybe there will be more to share next week. Don't get your hopes up.

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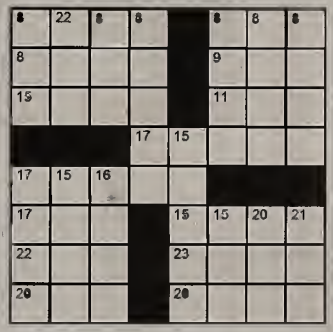

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4. Glossy
5. Forfeiture
6. Elaborate song for solo voice
7. Abnegate
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14. Type of musical instrument
15. Fiend
16. Cereal grass
19. In the past
20. Ominous
21. Zero

Across
1. Singer with the lowest voice
5. Boy or man
8. Object of worship
9. Metal-bearing mineral
10. Finished
11. Transgress
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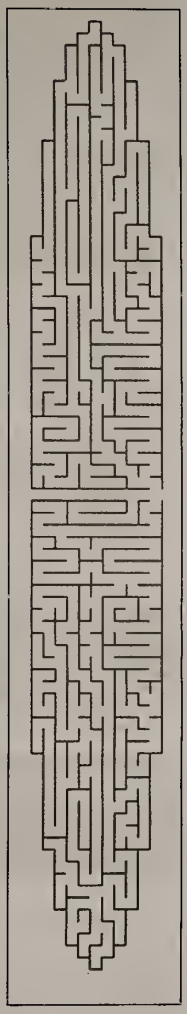

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Senators schooled on Career Center at Tuesday's meeting; Two meetings left to the fall semester

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

After having last week off, the Student Government Association held their tenth meeting of the year. Junior Delgado, director of the career center, spoke to the senators about what the career center does and has been doing along and answered a variety of questions from the SGA.

Delgado said he has been with Westfield State University for fourteen years in the career center and has lived in the Westfield community for over thirty years. "I pride myself on my passion for helping students and trying to connect students to opportunities," he said.

He gave the senators an informational sheet that showcased what kind of services the center can do for students, ranging from résumé and cover letter writing to consolation on future career options, personal assessment tests, and mock interviews for students to hone their skills before going out into the real hiring world.

"Those mock interviews are very unnerving, especially if you have never sat in front of professionals before. It seems to stun students when I tell them that when you go to interviews, many times in our days, you are not going to be meeting one on one," Delgado said.

He said that, during an interview, there are some committees that have anywhere from eight to twelve people interviewing a person, and if a person has not practiced, they are not going to do well.

Before receiving questions, he said that the career center's website on the University's page is extensive with listings of jobs (part-time or fulltime), internships, and community service opportunities. The center's four staff members can conduct more specific searches for students who ask. Delgado recommended a website to the SGA called, "Glassdoor.com," which has fulltime job listings, company and organization reviews, and internship listings extending further than in the Westfield area.

The first question came from Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, who asked Delgado when would be the best time for seniors to start sending out job applications. Delgado answered the sooner the better because job processes take a long time. He said, "If an employer posts a position in February, that doesn't mean they are going to hire someone in the month. The process could be dragged all the way out until May or June. The level of competition in today's job market is very competitive."

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, said the career center is a scary place to go because students usually do not want to think about what comes after Westfield and asked Delgado what can students do to prepare themselves for what is to come. He said his methodology is to have preparation, to be involved on and off campus in the community, and to look for opportunities, paid and unpaid, related to your major or area of interest.

"There is one thing college students do not do well," he said. "Many times students do a bunch of great things, have great experiences, but they do not sell themselves well enough."

Delgado said that students have to brag about themselves because the job market is so competitive, and employers are looking to see what a new employee brings to the table, along with how he or she sells himself or herself.

Darrach asked another interesting question about recommendations on where to get a good dress suit. Delgado said there would be an on-campus store called suit up for success. Students can come in and find suits that have been donated, and if they fit the student he or she can take it for free. The store may open next year or the following year, he said.

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, asked how to schedule appointments with the career center. Delgado said calling the center's number, which is 413-572-5206, is the easiest way, along with their email, careers@westfield.ma.edu, or by simply stopping in. He said meetings could be from thirty minutes to two hours depending on the student and questions. He also said any class rank is welcomed and even said there are freshmen who start early and have a four-year career plan at the University.

After Delgado was finished, president DiVico claimed the podium. She announced that the executive board of the SGA has created a packet that teaches the new senators the basics of SGA so they will not feel overwhelmed coming in as senators.

The madam president gave praise to Victoria Landry, representative to the class of 2015, for receiving the president's award for excellence in leadership, and the rest of the SGA applauded her achievement.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, gave an update on the smoking gazebos and reported that one of the new chairs has already been damaged. He said the chairs were cheap enough not to cause a huge finical problem, but that is not the point. Clark said he would try to go to the gazebo and find out what happened to it. He also reminded senators to tell their fellow students who use the gazebos to respect them.

Clark also said that he would be emailing Curt Robie, assistant vice president of facilities and operations, saying that times should be given out to students when the carpenters start cleaning the graffiti off the gazeboes. This will help avoid grievances filed by the carpenters about being subjected to second-hand smoke while working.

Clark finally said that all students should remember that residence halls close on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m., and any student in the building will be forced out. This is for residential assistants to go home in a fair and timely matter, he said. Students are allowed back in their residential hall at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30.

Megan Doerle, representative-at-large, gave the Food Committee report and said that Sodexo is

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Westfield State Cotillion is a go!

The return of the SGA-hosted formal dance is confirmed after SGA executive secretary Andrew Morin announces the March 20 event. More details can be found on page two.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA formal dance to make a return; Event to be held March 20, 2015 at Tekoa Country Club

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Students will now have a dance to put on their calendars in March.

The Student Government Association will be hosting the Westfield State University Cotillion on March 20 at the Tekoa Country Room on Rt. 20 in Westfield.

The event was once a smash hit for the SGA, but in recent years it faced a decline in ticket sales. Previously held at the Chez Josef in Agawam, the event will be held in a smaller venue to give the event a different feel.

The event also has a new name this year, "the Westfield State University Cotillion," which is a departure from "the Owl Ball" and "Senate Banquet." The former was the name chosen by the Senate during the 2012-2013 session.

The latter name, "Senate Banquet," was the long-running name for the event.

Senators who supported renaming the event to Owl Ball felt that the Senate Banquet name was responsible for the dip in ticket sales because students might think that it is for senators exclusively.

In the past, it was a hit for students regardless of what the name of the event was. While attendance typically averaged 500 people, some years reached 900 to 1,000 people.

The event is planned by the SGA executive secretary as per the constitution of the Student Government. At Tuesday's SGA meeting, Andrew Morin, current executive secretary, announced the event.

Once the excitement died down, a sign-up sheet was passed around for the Cotillion Committee, which helps Morin plan the event.

Morin will announce the final members of the committee at the Dec. 2 SGA meeting.

The tickets will be $33 for students, which is a $7 reduction in price from the previous events.

More details about the event will be released as time goes on. Questions about the event can be directed to execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

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having their annual holiday dinner on Dec. 11, and more information will be provided after Thanksgiving break. She said the dining commons would host a bingo night for students during finals week.

Doerle lastly said that Sodexo wanted the SGA to tell its fellow constitutes to pick up after themselves and not to leave plates and other trash on the tables. "Sodexo workers are not responsible to clean up after you, and they would like that they wouldn't have to," Doerle said.

Connolly then informed the Senate about the results of the Turkey Drive. Each year, the Senate goes around campus soliciting money to donate turkeys to the Salvation Army.

Each council and differing constituency in the Senate was given a building from which to solicit donations.

Final tallies could not be given for each constituency, but as of press time, the class of 2015 had solicited over $250 from the Ely Campus Center. The total as of Senate on Tuesday was over $700.

During Darrach's report, he informed the Senate that the class council has planned Senior Fest. More information is to follow, he said.

Also, Rebecca Kennedy, president of the Courtney Hall Council, stood at the podium to appoint Anthony Fattman to the Senate. He was approved to be the third representative of Courtney Hall.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts. There are two more meetings for the Student Government this semester.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Since the start of the semester, campus police have received several reports from female students that a male was attempting to look in on them showering in John Adams Hall. Some report that he had an iPhone and may have taken pictures or video. UMPD is urging all students to be aware and report any suspicious behavior.

daily orange
Syracuse University

More than 150 members of the SU community, including faculty and staff gathered near the Remembrance Wall Monday to take part in the latest rally held by THE General Body. THE General Body, a coalition of student organizations, has been staging a sit-in in the lobby of Crouse-Hinds Hall since Nov. 3 following the Diversity and Transparency Rally.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

A year after Harvard undergraduates voted a joke ticket into the Undergraduate Council's top offices, this year's UC elections are underway. With the campus vocal about the University's new sexual assault and misconduct policy, the College's first honor code, and student group funding, tickets are trying to reform the Council and increase its power to effect change.

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crime log

On Nov. 10, an assault and battery occurred at 12:53 p.m. in Health Services. The case is under investigation.

On Nov. 10, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:01 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 10, a drug law violation occurred at 10:49 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 10, property was vandalized at 11.00 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case is open.

On Nov. 11, larceny occurred between 6:45 p.m. and 6:50 p.m. in the Dining Commons. The case is open.

On Nov. 12, larceny occurred between 4:14 p.m. and 5:18 p.m. in the Woodward Center. The case is open.

On Nov. 13, a rape was reported that occurred on Dec. 4, 2013 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. in an unidentified residential hall. The case is open.

On Nov. 13, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:04 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 13, a drug law violation occurred at 11:31 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 14, a drug law violation occurred at 12:25 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 14, larceny occurred between 2:09 p.m. and 2:24 p.m. in University Hall. The case is open.

On Nov. 14, a liquor law violation occurred at 10.46 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 15, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:37 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 16, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:28 a.m. in the Apartment Complex. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 16, there was operation under the influence, defective equipment, and negligent operation at 2:09 a.m. in Commuter Lot. An arrest was made.

On Nov. 16, trespassing occurred at 3:54 p.m. in the Woodward Center. A trespass notice was issued.

On Nov. 17, an indecent assault and battery occurred between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. in an unidentified residential hall. The case is open.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

from the voice vault

*These articles were published on the **April 6, 1995** issue of* The Owl.

New Honor Society Expected on Campus

Karen A. Pawlisben
Staff Reporter

Westfield State College is currently in the process of becoming a charter member to the Lambda Sigma Society with the help of Dr. Jon Conlogue, Director of Residential Life, and a Lambda Sigma National Board member.

The Lambda Sigma Society is a national honor society for sophomore men and women dedicated to the purpose of fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and the spirit of service among college students, and to promoting the interests of the college in every possible way.

Currently there are no chapters in New England, therefore this would make Westfield State College the first chapter in New England.

Lambda Sigma was originally founded as an honor society for sophomore women in 1922 at the University of Pittsburgh. Lambda Sigma later became a national organization in 1925 when chapters were founded at Miami and Missouri Universities. Now Lambda Sigma can be found scattered around the United States.

Lambda Sigma has been a member of the Association of College Honor Societies since 1981.

Lambda Sigma is dedicated to the pursuit of leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service. Membership in this organization is limited to students demonstrating academic excellence and the potential to contribute to the organization and the WSC community.

Active membership on any campus consists of not more than 50 students or 10 percent of the Freshman class, whichever is lower. However, Mr. Conlogue will only be accepting approximately 20 to 30 students this year due to the fact it will be the organization's first year.

Candidates for membership are those Freshmen who have placed in at least the top 35 percent of the class academically at the time of selection and who have shown evidence of leadership during their freshman year.

Freshmen who meet these qualifications are eligible for selection in the spring term following completion of at least one academic term. Members selected in the spring are active Lambda Sigma's only during their Sophomore year.

Each chapter of the Lambda Sigma Society plans unique activities that foster scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service throughout the campus community and beyond.

President Applbaum Speaks on Role of Press

Mike Dube
Staff Reporter

Ronald Applbaum, President of Westfield State College, spoke to George O'Brien's Issues in Journalism class recently. Applbaum discussed many issues concerning the media and how it affects the college community here at Westfield State.

The first subject Applbaum took up was the long term effects the media can have on a story. Applbaum said, much too often "media folks aren't thinking about the consequences of what they are writing or speaking." The media can have a long-term effect on an organization, often times putting it in a bad light, Applbaum asserted.

The financial constraints of the modern newspaper was discussed by Applbaum as well. "Many papers are cutting back staff and reporters, which in turn is placing more pressure on the staff to produce more articles with less numbers in the same amount of time." Applbaum said "bad news sells," news that dwells on the negative instead of the positive, so newspaper editors give the readers what they want, instead of fair representation. Applbaum also chastised editors for using headlines that dwell on the negative, "just to sell papers."

President Applbaum also discussed the effects the local media has had on Westfield State College. When he took over as President of WSC, "the school had a bad perception with the local press and residents." The previous three presidents left over controversies well documented by the local media, and one was even covered by the national press. "Reporter bias was a big problem, in particular one reporter at the Springfield Union News, was always reporting negatively on WSC, the stories were always skewed."

Today, the stories in the local press are much more positive than they have been in many years. The Westfield Evening News is even planning on doing a series of features on how the college helps the community. These types of stories were non-existant during the past three administrations.

George O'Brien, Editor of the Westfield Evening News and visiting professor, asked President Applbaum to speak with the class to help journalism students understand the power they are going to have, and how they can ruin reputations of people and organizaions. O'Brien said "I think the students learned a lot from the discussion, I hope to bring in other guest speakers for them."

Behind Dickinson Hall: The sight of the alleged peeping tom Photo by Lee Iannacchino

Peeping Tom Lurks Behind Dickinson

Nicky Coolberth
Layout Editor

The department of Public Safety is investgating a sighting of an unidentified male outside of Dickinson Hall last Monday night around 10:00 p.m. The man is described to be in his mid to late thirties and was wearing a dark jacket. "We don't know if he was a peeping tom or not," said Captain Scannell of Public Safety. Scannell also said that the person ran into the woods behind Juniper Park School before he could be questioned.

Joanne Stowell, The RD at Dickinson warned residents to pull their shades down, not only to avoid being peeped, but also in case he was looking for things to steal in the future.

Public Safety encourages all students to keep their shades down at night. R.A. Karen Doherty thought the situation was, "pretty strange, I've never come across anything like this before," she said. Dickinson resident Tara McGill said, "I thought it was kind of funny, I was thinking about mooning him." The R.A.s at Dickinson reported that a few people were annoyed with the peeping tom. "We heard people yelling out the window, 'get out of here you wierdo,'" said one R.A.

Anyone who saw anyone loitering outside his or her window that night is encouraged to give any information they might have to Public Safety.

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Westfield State honors alumna, Westfield educator, Jessica Kennedy in Bolton

Former Westfield State student, Jessica Kennedy, receives her award outstanding educating. From left to right: Robert Martin, Robert Johnson, Susan Dargie, Jessica Kennedy, Elizabeth Preston, and Donald Humason.

From Press Release

Westfield State alumna Jessica Kennedy, assistant principal at South Middle School in Westfield, Mass., was one of eight educators to receive the Massachusetts State Universities Alumni Recognition Award for 2014. The State Universities of Massachusetts honored eight of the Commonwealth's outstanding K-12 educators who graduated from the system's teacher preparation programs in a ceremony held in Boston on Tuesday.

Kennedy was selected by Westfield State University in recognition of her accomplishments as a teacher and as a role model for students for service to the community.

"Jessica Kennedy reflects the very hest of Westfield State and the State University system, which has a proud tradition of developing and graduating educators of excellence," said Elizabeth H. Preston, president of Westfield State University. "Jessica is deeply dedicated to helping students achieve more and reach higher, leading to stronger schools and communities in the Commonwealth."

Kennedy received her B.A. and M.A. at Westfield State in 2008 and 2010. Her first teaching joh was as an English teacher at Powder Mill Middle School in Southwick Mass. where she also served as Mentor Teacher, Team Leader, and Pre-Advanced Placement Lead Teacher. In 2013, she was hired as assistant principal at South Middle School.

Kennedy was nominated hy Susan Dargie, director of Curriculum and Instruction at Westfield Public Schools. Dargie said that Kennedy has made quite the impression during her first year as assistant principal.

"Jessica possesses the unbeatable combination of supportive supervision and true enthusiasm for the work that makes her an effective administrator," Dargie said. "It is clear that Jessica is a rising star that will continue to have a positive impact on students for years to come."

Educators represent eight of the nine campuses across the State University system and received awards for their teaching excellence, especially in the face of challenging situations, as well as their contrihutions to the communities in which they live and work. Ceremony attendees also included representatives from State University campuses and education leaders in the Patrick administration, as well as memhers of the House and Senate.

Almost two centuries ago, Massachusetts became the first to recognize the importance of teacher preparation programs hy the establishing the first three schools dedicated to educating teachers. Today, these institutions have grown to hecome comprehensive state universities educating students in multiple disciplines heyond education.

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opinions & editorials

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

How far will the president go for his legacy?

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

President Obama meets with the current minority leader Mitch McConnell (left) and Speaker of the House John Boehner (center) on the current debate surrounding new immigration polices. McConnell will be moving to the majority leader once the GOP takes over in January.

It seems that every week I mention either "Obama doing this..." or "Europe responds to current crisis in..." and I sometimes get bored with it myself! Then I start to think about how horrifying it is that both topics are consistent.

Now I find myself in a difficult yet enchanting position, that I must call out both sides of the political spectrum, in what I wish to call (for branding purposes of course) "Bringing back the 'Right'™." I hope that the "creative" work that went into creating this work of genius is not lost within the general public.

Now what is it that I am so excited to talk about? The current state of our government and what changes, if any, we should expect in the last two years of President Obama's administration. To begin that sort of conversation, I must state the irrefutable facts that correspond to the discussion:

1. Earlier this month, mid-term elections put Republicans in majority roles in both the House and the Senate.
2. President Obama has made it clear he will not allow a Republican Congress to "prevent improvements" on our current network of systems.
3. Neither party has set out/announced a legitimate and party approved plan to deal with the current situation.

I think we should just take a moment to "appreciate" each of these facts for what they are and talk about them. The first being that the majority seats won by the Republican Party in the mid-term elections offers both a degree of hope and possibility. Most of the success of the republican campaigns relied heavily on opposition to the current administration's policies and laws that were enacted over the past two years.

What should be noted was that many of those campaigns lacked the next step in the process—post repeal measures. Normally I would not take such a negative stance against my own party, but this lack of planning (for simplicity) is just asinine. On the remark that President Obama essentially stated he was unwilling to work with the new congress is another example of the idiotic mentality that has become an epidemic in our government.

A president who has shown no willingness and heavily invests in executive "powers" has set up his remaining two years as a "my way or no way" administration. Finally, neither party nor any individual involved in the main discussions has announced or even hinted at any sort of plan of action for a week let alone two years!

I can understand President Obama's frustration since his "legacy" is built on campaign promises he made in both 2008 and 2012; promising immigration reform and affordable healthcare, now he is halfway through his final act and he has very little to show for it. The GOP opposes his healthcare legislation and since the midterms, Obama barely has the support of his own party!

Nearly all of the democrats in contested elections distanced themselves greatly from the president and have admitted that the healthcare act is not what it should have been. Despite these frustrations, however, he should know what he just set himself up for.

President Obama already has a lawsuit against him by the GOP leadership with his "unconstitutional" use of executive authority, and now he has been reported as actually promising and threatening to pass legislation through executive orders. This sort of action is going to create the most hostile environment on Capital Hill since the 2012 elections. Essentially, President Obama has alienated the majority leaders in Congress from any coalition governing process.

Now before I tear anyone apart, I have to address the issue that greatly concerns me: the fact that not a single person has a definitive plan of action for the current governing cycle. Neither President Obama nor Republican leadership have stated what they plan on doing in the near future. Each has made arbitrary statements indicating their "ideal" agenda, yet with no time table there is no real call to action.

There is, however, a slight split within the Republican Party in congress over how they wish to "oppose" Obama's agenda and fulfill their campaign promises in hotly contested seats.

Some believe that their election results indicate a mandate to govern while others believe all they need to do is block Obama's administration from the governing process (much the same as Obama's statement towards the GOP).

The mentality that congress only needs to "block" the Liberal agenda is just as asinine as Obama ruling through executive order. This mentality is creating an "accept or decline" system where President Obama and Congress would be faced with only two options: passing "radical" legislation or vetoing each others' work.

There is a simple solution to this—Republicans use their majority to use budget regulations as leverages since a majority in Congress allows them to pass general legislation that would allow a more valuable piece to the table. The stalemate/flat-line of the previous congress must be avoided at all costs. President Bill Clinton was able to not only govern effectively but also allow for a surplus in a republican super majority congress, something that seems like an intangible fantasy in the modern political theater. President Obama still has a decent amount of seats in congress to allow wiggle room for "swing" voters without Republicans shooting themselves in the foot and thus can offer deals that would allow some of his agenda to pass.

I know it can be hard for us to accept the situation we find ourselves in, but we are the roots of the problem. The past decade has sent shockwaves through the political process with nearly every midterm election putting a party into a near super majority.

We have gotten to the point where parties are simply thinking about the next two years and not the future. A lawmaker used to address legislation in the sense of moralities ethics and logistics, yet now they look towards party lines and when the next election is. This is no way to run a government and no way to run any sort of system. We need to send a new message to Washington: Good work will be rewarded.

Do I believe that the new Republican congress is the answer to this? Absolutely not. In two years the process will repeat itself. If maybe two or more congressmen actually stay beyond a "party switch," it will be a good sign for change.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Nail Polish: More Than What Meets the Eye

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

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Nail polish has been used in various forms since the early parts of civilization. Around 5,000 years ago, the Chinese invented what has evolved into the nail polish we use today. It consisted of a mixture of Arabic gum, egg whites, gelatin, and beeswax.

Chinese royalty used gold and silver to decorate their nails. The Egyptians also used nail color to signify social order. They used red to signify the highest ranks. They dipped the tip of their fingers in henna, staining their nails a rich, dark brown color. This practice still continues today on festive occasions in India, especially during marriages.

Queen Cleopatra used a brick red, while Queen Nefertiti favored a bright ruby. Women who were members of lower social classes were permitted to apply only pale tones of red. The Chinese and Egyptians were not the only ones to use nail color to separate themselves from lower classes. The French manicure actually did come from France. It was used by members of French royalty to have elegant hands and feet, further separating them from the lower classes.

During the 19th and early 20th century, women polished their nails instead of painting them; however, when car paint was invented, it led to the development of colored nail paint. The nail paint had similar properties of the car paint. Also, in the 1950's, red nails were considered "promiscuous," and some churches required women to remove it before attending services. This attitude likely originated from the Victorian era, where painting your nails was considered a sin. Modern day nail polish is made up of nitro cellulose that is dissolved in a solvent. In addition, nail polish includes plasticizers and coloring agents. The chemicals that are used are poisonous and carcinogenic; because of this, questions have been raised about nail polish and its safety.

I am an avid nail polish user and will not give it up any time soon. However, it is a good idea to be careful when handling and storing it. Bottles should be stored upright and should not be left open. The fumes can be harmful and the polish will dry out. Also, storing polish in warm places can change its composition. Oddly enough, storing nail polish in the refrigerator will extend its shelf life. However, if putting nail polish next to the food you eat sounds a bit extreme, just make sure it is stored in a place that is not too hot.

A basic nail polish has an average shelf life of about two years, but nail polish remover never expires! I recommend pure acetone rather than regular nail polish remover. It works much faster and takes glitter polish off with ease, but because it is a much harsher chemical, it is crucial that immediately after you are done, you wash your hands with soap and warm water.

To speed up drying time, try dipping your nails in ice cold water or try spraying cooking oil on them. There are instant drying sprays out there, but I like cooking oil and ice water better. It seems a bit unconventional, but it works great.

Nail polish is not only for the nails. Clear nail polish can be used as a quick fix for a run in tights. It can also be used as a coating for inexpensive jewelry to prevent rusting. Clear nail polish can also be applied over the brand name of makeup brushes. Makeup brushes tend to have the name of the brush as well as it's brand painted on the handle, and it can wear off. A thin coat of clear nail polish can preserve the name and brand for years.

Picking a color is not a "random" choice. Human emotions and color are linked whether you realize it or not. Studies have shown that color preferences are usually the result of the relationship between unrelated things that are subconsciously stored in our memories. So when picking a color for your nails, chances are that it means more than you think.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Heroin trafficking on the rise in western Massachusetts

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The Baystate Medical Center sees multiple cases of overdose in heroin related cases.

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

Trafficking heroin has increased dramatically in the last year.

In a random poll at the beginning of the year, 30 percent of people living in western Massachusetts said they knew someone who struggled with heroin addiction.

Overdosing has been common on a day to day basis. My mother who works in Baystate Medical Center in the Emergency room says there are at least two victims, some fatal each day she works. She says one of the most common reasons why people are overdosing is because the heroin is cut with fentanyl, another pain killer which people are likely to overdose from more quickly than heroin.

The result is that people are becoming addicted to two different types of painkillers, one releasing at different types and creating more cravings, and eventually more deaths.

Heroin is an incredibly cheap drug, but also extremely addicting. This combination is what leads to the downfall of many.

The drug abuse is becoming prevalent and can really be seen anywhere. Just last week a man was escorted out of my work for passing out and on the ground, recovering and locking himself in the bathroom and was arrested on site for possession.

The biggest concern that I have with the drug abuse is that these people are usually not criminals. Many people can actually hide their use very well , until something detrimental happens.

This is when it becomes too late.

The solutions to ending drug abuse, especially with heroin must be updated.

At UMass Amherst a student, "Logan" (his parents did not want to release his full name) died after a drug overdose. The school had caught him with possession of heroin but instead of arresting him offered to drop the charges if he returned to his drug dealer as an informant. Unfortunately, Logan instead bought drugs and died from them later.

The school should have immediately put him in a rehabilitation program. It is dangerous and disgusting to put a teenager, or anyone, who is struggling with addiction back into the situation and meet with the person who is giving them substance they can easily die from.

I fear that meeting a quota and busting dealers for media attention is one of the only concerns of law enforcements if this is not changed.

Right now, the UMass Student Senate is working on making changes and reforming policies that lead to this fatality.

Police arrested five people on drug charges in two separate actions Tuesday, seizing nearly 800 packets of heroin, $1,700 in cash and one stolen handgun in Springfield.

In the beginning of the month, a 26- year old woman was arrested in Greenfield with 1,000 bags of heroin, about 320 grams. This is some progress, in the matter but again addressing those who face the demand is essential.

Deval Patrick's new law that will have insurance companies to cover 14 percent in rehabilitation needs, which was passed in August. U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, said he is looking at whether to introduce a similar bill in Congress. The solution is not to jail these people and put them in fear of facing their addiction and treatment, to provide what they need to recover.

from the editor's desk

Sudden unexpected losses in food service bring community together

It is always a serious and sad situation whenever a person is lost unexpectedly. It seems that students all too often forget that the Sodexo and faculty workers are not only campus employees but also people with real families and lives. The circumstances that have occurred in the past few weeks give a new perspective to students on the tight-knit community that this campus creates.

Westfield State University and the city of Westfield are friendly places to visit and live. The campus has a personal touch between students and faculty within majors. Food service staff and students interact each day and the staff has been nothing but kind, supportive, and entertaining.

In an email from Susan LaMontagne on Wednesday, Nov. 19, students were informed that Mark Guerrette and Robert Crossetti, both of whom were food service staff members, passed away suddenly this month. It is always difficult to cope with these unfortunate situations, but I feel that the community that already exists on campus will make the grieving easier for everyone.

Mark Guerrette, who passed on Nov. 8 at the age of 34, was a Sous Chef at the Dining Commons for the past seven years and is survived by his wife, Cyndi, and their sons, Colin, Sean, and Aaron.

Robert Crossetti passed away on Nov. 19 at the age of 33. He has been a supervisor at Pandini's for the past two years. His wife Gina, who has been our Catering Manager in recent years, and their sons, Tony and EJ, survive him.

I have experienced unexpected deaths in the past, and I can relate to those who knew Mark and Robert personally. Last year, four students and one teacher from my high school passed away from injuries sustained in an accident in the school parking lot.

Knowing one of the students since my early childhood made that loss extremely difficult for myself and classmates to deal with, but the strong community and support made the situation easier.

This campus has a similar aurora to it, from Liz Preston to incoming freshmen. As Thanksgiving comes closer and the semester comes to a close, remember to think about those who have helped you get to where you are today and do not take family time for granted.

Please keep the families of these employees in your thoughts as your celebrate Thanksgiving and the upcoming holiday season and give special consideration to Sodexo employees in these trying times.

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Westfield

S the scene

My name is Samantha Kendall, and I am a junior at Westfield State with a major in communications. After reading the emails from our faculty members regarding the sexual crimes taking place on our campus, I have become inspired to try something a bit out of my element and I am encouraging you all to join me. I will be creating a club for men and women to join with the purpose of educating others and finding ways to reduce sexual assault and rape from occurring on campus.

This club is only an idea right now, but I am hoping to bring it to life starting in the Spring semester. I know this club will be very successful with the help and support from our student body, which is looking to become educated on this subject, educate others, and get involved with this matter. If you are interested in joining this club, I will be holding two quick meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 2, and Tuesday, Dec. 9, both at 2:30pm in the Ely Common Area located near Subway. These meetings will serve the sole purpose of collecting member information (name, email and phone number) for all students who are interested in helping to make a difference. If you cannot attend either of these dates, please email me at skendall8413@westfield.ma.edu. I look forward to hearing from my peers. Please feel free to reach out to me with any ideas and suggestions. Thank you!

Samantha Kendall, a.k.a. Skendall, reached her peak in 2012 when she won the superlative "Life of the Party" at Sharon High School. Now a communications major, she focuses her time on meeting new people, overdoing it on social media, downloading new music, and bringing a good time to the table, wherever that may be. She has high hopes for her future and is constantly brainstorming her career options when it comes to the world of communications. This socialite hopes to bring new material to The Voice that will speak to its readers on the topics she enjoys most. Kendall hopes to bring readers together and share her knowledge when it comes to good music, trends, and everything that pertains to college survival and living life to the fullest.

Hannah Pitman recognized her potential when she came to the realization that she had hit her peak as an official "old" person, a.k.a. a washed-up senior here at Westfield State.

With that in mind, she figured, why not use all the knowledge and skill that Westfield State has given her thus far?

As a communications major, she is a big people person interested in everyone's story and style. She is also an avid "foodie" as well as a hunter of new music and trends.

With a passion for writing and a profession in being awkward, you can guarantee she will contribute some interesting things to the social scene of The Voice!

PROTECT YOURSELF

How to Prevent Sexual Assault

NO MEANS NO: Never be afraid to tell someone no if they are making you uncomfortable or trying to force you into any type of unwanted sexual situation. Make sure that when you say no, you mean it – do not give into pressure or relax your guard because that only results in a traumatic situation. Anyone who pushes you any further after being told no is already in the process of beginning a sexual assault. Mean what you say, and never let anyone talk you out of it. After all it is your body.

• If you are getting a bad feeling, chances are you are right. A good majority of the time, going with your gut instinct is the right decision. Starting to get a bad vibe from the person you are with? Do not think twice; end the date, walk away, ignore that person, and lock your door. Do whatever you need to do to ensure that you are safe and that individual will no longer be bothering you. Trust your instincts, leave and go to a safe place immediately.

• Do not be afraid to tell someone. There are different forms of sexual assault and signs that it may be coming. If a person is sending you threatening or forceful messages, do not feel cornered. Tell someone, whether that be a parent, friend, or teacher. Get the problem dealt with before it spirals out of control. If you become an actual victim of an assault or rape, the worst thing to do is keep it to yourself.

Call 911, go to anyone you feel comfortable with, and let them know what has happened. All it takes is one person to keep it a secret, which could lead to a chain reaction of others being assaulted as a result. Not only will you feel better seeking help, but also you can be protected and the people who love you will make sure that you are safe.

LOCK YOUR DOORS: Whether you live on-campus in the dorms or off-campus in a house or apartment, always, always lock your door! Too often people assume that because it is a dorm protected by RA's and security or a house with nice neighbors, the door can be left unlocked. That is where people are wrong; it is just inviting a predator to assault you. It takes seconds to lock a door, but it takes a lifetime to recover from an assault or rape, so do the math. Especially on weekends when people become heavily intoxicated, it can bring out bad decisions and the worst in people. So save yourself the trauma and make sure to lock the door, ALWAYS.

• Make use of the buddy system. It never hurts to go anywhere in pairs or groups. Having a buddy system assures that you are not labeled as a target and that you always have at least one pair of eyes on you at all times. It also would not hurt to create code words, so if you do encounter a bad situation, using the code word lets your group know that you need help and fast.

• Monitor your surroundings. Be aware of where you are, avoid dark secluded places, and make sure that you constantly keep track of your own drink. Never accept a drink from anyone unless you watch a bartender pour it, and if you do put it down for longer than a minute, it is suggested that you get a new one. Being aware of where you are and what is going on is key. You do not want to end up drugged or in a situation where someone can easily take advantage of you.

• Have a safe ride home and a phone always on you. Two major things that should always be accounted for: having a cell phone on you and making sure you have a safe way home at the end of the night. If you are going to walk, do not walk alone, and get a ride with another friend always. Do not trust strangers! That is a recipe for disaster. Having no phone means you are instantly cornering yourself because you have no way to call for help. Be smart before you go out and at least make sure those two things are solidified.

• Never give up. If you find yourself in a situation where someone is trying to sexually assault or rape you, do not give up or give in. Fight back; do all that you can, whether that means spitting on that person or poking them in the eye. It can be mere seconds of distraction that can determine whether you experience serious trauma, so do not assume that you are about to become a victim. Do anything you can to try to stop it.

These are just a few of the many ways that one can protect himself or herself from sexual assault and/or rape. No matter the gender, age, and sexual orientation, never blame yourself. If you are a victim of these horrible crimes, it is in no way on you. Know that there are people all over this world willing and ready to support you and help your recovery.

The worst thing you can do is let these horrible assaulters win. So know that you are not alone and there is help for everyone. Together we can make a difference and keep everyone safe.

BECOME A PART OF THE AWARENESS

The Board

In the past few weeks, Westfield State has had multiple instances of sexual assault. This is a serious issue that must be addressed locally, nationally, and globally. Here is what the students had to say.

THE BOARD: IF SOMEONE WERE TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD THE TITLE BE?

Cole Barrett, a.k.e. Coley B, is a sophomore from Quincy, MA majoring in communications with a media art analysis concentration. He dreams of one day being a successful film director. He is passionate about sports, movies, and Xbox. He supports Autism Speaks and all cancer foundations. His hobbies are playing flag football, going to the movies, and going on long walks on the beach. He was the running-back for his high school football team.

Growing up, he played football, basketball, and baseball, and his favorite out of the three was football. Some of his favorite snacks were Gushers, Baby Bottle Pops, and Charleston Chew. One of his favorite childhood movies was The Sandlot. He used to enjoy reading the Captain Underpants series. He can recall a time in elementary school when he lost his first fight and got into trouble for misbehaving. He idolized his father for his college football career, his struggles to get there, and his passion and dedication to the sport.

His definition of feminism is to strive for equality for women's rights. He believes women and men are treated equally in society in certain aspects but not in others. He believes women are as capable as men to accomplish and earn success. His opinion on the news that sexual assault happens on our campus is that it is very surprising to hear. He said sexual assault becomes more real and serious due to the fact that it is happening on our campus grounds. He believes these students' actions are completely unacceptable, and every student should take caution and be safe. His best advice is to acknowledge if your friends are engaging in activities that are inappropriate and to speak to the Counseling Center in Lammers Hall if you suspect he or she is behaving in a manner that is unacceptable.

Angela Modzelewski, a junior early education major from East Lyme, Connecticut, dreams of becoming an event planner in Boston. She is passionate about the cruelty of animals, and cats are her favorite animal. Her favorite hobbies include: listening to music, walking in the woods, and hanging out with some friends. A fun fact about Angela is that she is the youngest of three older brothers.

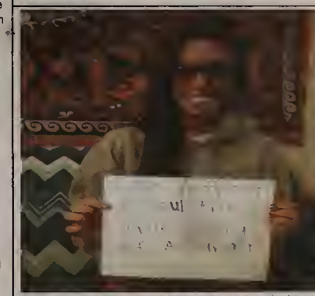
She has much to share when it comes to her childhood. Some important movies from her childhood are the Disney princess movies; her favorite princess is Ariel from The Little Mermaid. Growing up, she read the Goosebumps series and The Magic Trea House series. Her favorite television shows were the Looney Tunes and the Rugrats. Her favorite childhood snacks were Dunkaroos and Fruit by the Foot

She believes feminism is the ability to take care of yourself independently as a woman. She believes that women and men are not equal in today's society. She said that women do not get treated as fairly as men do and they are held to different standards. If she could recommend doing one thing to prevent sexual assault from happening on our campus, it would be to be aware of your surroundings end others' attitudes and behaviors and to make sure to be familiar with the people you surround yourself with. She said that you should not put yourself in a situation that could be dangerous, keep trusted friends nearby, and have your cell phone charged and by your side.

Chris Bennett, a sophomore regional planning major from Natick, MA, dreams of becoming a city planner. He is passionate about sports like football and baseball (not to mention his fantasy football draft). One of his hobbies is getting "yoked" at the Ely gym. He supports any and all Prostate Cancer organizations along with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation.

His favorite holiday has always been The Fourth of July. During childhood, his favorite sports that he engaged in were football and baseball. In baseball, he pitched and played shortstop like his childhood idol, Nomar Garciaparra. He loved Eggos, Pop-Tarts, and Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal as a child. He enjoyed movies like Space Jam and television shows such as The Sweet Life of Zach and Cody and SpongeBob. A few fun facts about Chris is that he was born with a broken arm and he feared heights. He remembers The Magic Tree House series playing a major part in his childhood. He enjoyed the computer game Backyard Baseball, and his favorite player was Pablo Sanchez.

His standpoint on the news that sexual assault takes place on our campus is that it is surprising to hear and difficult to comprehend. His advice for men engaging in sexual activities is to use your common sense and best judgment and to also be aware of the consequences of your actions. Men should respect women's bodies and minds.



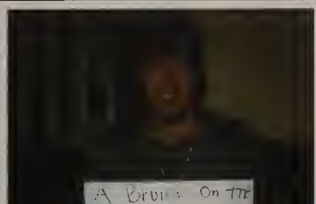
Emily Kaufman, a junior with an early childhood education major from Medway, MA, longs to be a kindergarten teacher and a professional dog watcher/walker on the side. Her favorite music artist at the moment is Luke Bryan, and as you could guess, her favorite musical genre is country. She is passionate about making the world a better place in any way she can. She supports the American Cancer Society and ASPCA, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Her favorite hobbies include: crafting, napping, running, and listening to music.

When thinking of her childhood, she can recall many memories. The writers who shaped her as a child are Barbara Park, author of the Junie B. Jones series, and Eric Carle, author of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. A fun fact about her childhood is that she sucked her thumb until she was about ten-years-old. Her favorite childhood toys included: her Elmo doll, her twin redhead American Girl Doll, and her doll Ariel from The Little Mermaid (note that the doll is also redheaded). She enjoyed Sesame Street, The Big Comfy Couch, and Bear in the Big Blue House. Her favorite foods were Dunkaroos, bagel bites, and Lunchables.

When defining feminism, she said it is girl power. She believes young girls are facing struggles today because they are beginning to act and dress more maturely than age-appropriate. She thinks this is a struggle because girls are losing their creativity, imagination, and innocence too young. When asked if she believes men and women are equal in today's society, she said definitely not. If she could do one thing to prevent sexual assault from happening on our campus, it would be to educate girls to use the buddy system and to keep their eyes out for any warning signs of danger.

Josh Hayward, a.k.a. JoshBear, is a sophomore from Quincy, MA majoring in sports medicine. He dreams of becoming a physical therapist when he is older. His favorite music artist at the moment is 50 Cent and his favorite genre is Rap & Hip Hop, although he dabbles in country music as well. He is passionate about sports, his family, and academic achievement. He supports the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Arthritis Foundation. His hobbies include: working out, playing sports, and going to the movies. His favorite genre of movies is comedy and his favorite comedian is Jimmy Tatro.

A fun fact about Josh's childhood is that he broke his tooth eating a salad. As a child, he loved Rice Crispy Treats, Skittles, and Reese's peanut butter cups. His favorite holiday is Christmas, though he enjoys Thanksgiving very much as well. His favorite childhood toy was Hot Wheels Race Cars. He feared spiders as a child. His favorite cartoons are Spongebob and Rocket Power. His favorite books as a child were the Dr. Seuss books.



He believes women do not gain as much respect in certain facets in life, such as the job market and in the world of sports. He believes women do not get as much coverage on sports news channels; therefore, women in the sports community are valued less than men. He expressed his confusion and shock when hearing the news that sexual crimes have been happening on our campus. He said he has never heard of this happening at any of the schools he has attended, and he is disgusted to hear such news. His best advice for men engaging in sexual behavior is to respect women for their rights and when you hear "no," it means no. He said it is smart to think about and understand consequences before acting in situations such as sexual behavior.

arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
2. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
3. Animals - Maroon 5
4. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
5. Bang Bang - Jessie J, Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj
6. Hot Boy - Bobby Shmurda
7. Love Me Harder - Ariana Grande & The Weeknd
8. Hot Boy - Bobby Shmurda
9. Black Widow - Iggy Azalea Ft. Rita Ora
10. Don't Tell 'Em - Jeremih feat. YG

top 10 albums

1. 1989 - Taylor Swift
2. NOW 52 - Various Artists
3. It's The Girls! - Bette Midler
4. Old Boots, New Dirt - Jason Aldean
5. Motion - Calvin Harris
6. Anything Goes - Florida Georgia Line
7. Partners - Barbra Streisand
8. Love Ran Red - Chris Tomlin
9. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith
10. Just As I Am - Brantley Gilbert

box office

1. Dumb and Dumber To
2. Big Hero 6
3. Interstellar
4. Beyond The Lights
5. Gone Girl
6. St. Vincent
7. Fury (2014)
8. Ouija
9. Nightcrawler
10. Birdman

upcoming releases

1. Happy Go Lucky
2. Happy Valley
3. Hunger Games Marathon
4. All Relative
5. Happy Ending
6. Hard Sun
7. Little White Lie
8. The Mule
9. Winter Sleep
10. Horrible Bosses 2

OWL'S NEST MOVIE NIGHT

Guardians of the Galaxy shown on campus

Guardians of the Galaxy was released of August 1 of this past summer to high praise. The film, which was recently showed at movie night in the Owl's Nest, is based on the Marvel Comics superhero team of the same name. Starring Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana, the movie generated over $770 million at the box office while also gaining revenue from a critically acclaimed soundtrack that reached the number one spot on iTunes.

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

On Nov. 15, I attended the movie night event in the Owl's Nest. They decided to feature the Guardians of the Galaxy, and I for one could not have picked a better movie.

It had everything in it: action, comedy, and character development. Guardians of the Galaxy is a Marvel Comic Book that I have never read or heard about before, so I did not know what to expect.

The movie had tons of action in it, from hand-to-hand combat to an explosive space ship war.

I liked the different weapons each character had, like Peter's four-element guns or Drax the Destroyer's double blades.

The action levels well with the comedy, which Marvel does a great job with. The characters all have a different type of personality; Gamora is serious, Drax is both serious and stupid, Rocket is a jokester, and Peter is a carefree leader.

During the prison scene, I like when Rocket tells Peter to retrieve a guy's prosthetic leg, but we find out it was just for a joke.

I also liked when Rocket tells Peter that metaphors will only go over Drax's head, and Drax replies, "Nothing goes over my head, my reflexes are too great. I would catch it."

The character development for the main five is delivered well in this movie. Rocket and Groot never have any real friends, Drax is trying to get revenge for his family's death, Gamora is trying to make up for her past, and Peter is dealing with the loss of his mother.

The movie represents these characters' backgrounds through the story and then the ending connects them all together in an epic way. Overall, Guardians of the Galaxy has everything one would want in a movie: comedy, action and character development.

I also heard that they are going to be making a sequel, so if you have not yet seen this movie, go watch it and be ready for the sequel. I would rate this movie a nine out of ten because it was pretty much perfect.

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KNOWING TO COOK

Two Rivers: fast food with tremendous quality

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Here at Westfield State, we are privileged to live in an area of the state known as the Pioneer Valley. From the beginning of the history of the state of Massachusetts, the Pioneer Valley has been home to great industry and agriculture; however, over the past ten years, the gastronomic scene of the Valley has taken an upward turn. Since this area is so abundant in farms and agro-business, several high quality restaurants have begun to sprout up in towns across the Valley, including here in Westfield.

In a previous column, I mentioned the two places I believe to be the best sit-down restaurants in town: Clemenza's and Emma's; however, for those of you who are looking for a quick meal to grab without having to sit down and pay through the nose, I invite you to visit Two Rivers Burrito Company.

The restaurant, located right in the center of town, is a small bodega specializing in popular Southwestern and Mexican fare. What is most excellent about Two Rivers is that all of the ingredients used to make the food are sourced from local farms and vendors.

Before I speak of the quality of the food provided by this establishment, I want to speak to the excellence of their business model.

Here you have a small restaurant located in a town that is not recognized for its contributions to the culinary world but provides the best in local fare. In doing business with local farmers and vendors, Two Rivers reduces both shipping prices and sale prices.

Normally, many restaurants fall under the guidelines of charging a great amount of money, since they are providing the customer with the best in locally sourced ingredients.

This is not to say that these restaurants do not have the right to charge what they believe the meal to be worth; however, it is unnecessary to increase the price of a meal solely based on the source of the ingredients.

What Two Rivers successfully does is provide customers with an affordable and quick meal without sacrificing quality. Unless you are ordering in bulk, I can guarantee that you will not spend over 15 dollars at Two Rivers. In relative comparison to other restaurants that specialize in local fare, a maximum price of 15 dollars is excellent.

If you are among those who prefer to go to a place that charges less than a dollar for a sandwich, then Two Rivers is not the place for you. Two Rivers is an establishment for those of us who seek freshness and high quality standards when it comes to what we put into our bodies.

Now to the quality! The food you will receive at Two Rivers is excellent. I have eaten there multiple times over the last few months and the establishment will be happy to know that I intend to continue to do so for the months to come.

What is truly great about Two Rivers is the amount of food you receive for such a low price. Within one burrito is packed beans, rice, lettuce, cheese, salsa, sour cream, and an awesome in-house creation called honey jalapeno sauce.

These components, combined with whatever meat you choose to add, create a wonderfully tasty, satisfying, and filling burrito. Two Rivers also serves salads and quesadillas, all of which are priced under 10 dollars.

I feel very blessed and privileged to attend school in a town where there are a few great restaurants that share the same values and standards of food that I hold so dear to my heart.

What is more impressive still is the variety of high quality food offered not just in Westfield, but also within the extent of the Pioneer Valley and into the Berkshires.

Since the majority of local news is focused on dealings in the eastern part of the state, the central and western regions are often overlooked; however, the Pioneer Valley is becoming an excellent culinary hotspot for chefs and business owners who have a passion for locally sourced ingredients.

With rent and property prices far lower than those in the city of Boston or even Springfield, great restaurants are beginning to appear in suburban towns, which would not normally be considered for candidacy in the realm of "fine dining."

And while "fine dining" has its place and purpose, I would much rather sit down to a meal at Emma's or wait for a burrito at Two Rivers than call a month in advance to make a reservation at a renowned restaurant where I will most likely receive a meal with miniscule portion sizes and an enormous price tag. Eat local! You will not regret it! As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

owls athletics

FOOTBALL

Mercadante sets school records on Senior Day

PHOTO FROM WSU ATHLETIC DEPT.

Twenty football players and four cheerleaders were honored at Senior Night on Friday, November 14. Senior running back Micheal Mercadante set school records for career and season touchdowns in the 43-28 loss to WCSU.

WSU Athletic Department

Senior running back Michael Mercadante set school records for career and season touchdowns, senior Steve Guercio threw for 230 yards, and classmate Troy Cutter made 17 tackles as the Owls' seniors left all on the field in a 43-28 season-ending loss to Western Connecticut on Friday night.

On a night where the mercury barely cracked the freezing mark, Westfield State honored its 20 football and four cheerleading seniors before the game.

The Owls' enthusiasm carried into the early stages as Westfield jumped to a 14-0 lead on its first two possessions of the game. On the third play from scrimmage Guercio found Colby Bostek on a crossing route which Bostek spring for 73 yards down to the Western Connecticut 2-yard line. Mercadante plunged in one play later from a yard out for a 7-0 lead.

Mercadante husted off runs of 20- and 48 yards to open Westfield's next offensive series, then plunged in from two yards out for a 14-0 Owls lead just 5:04 into the ball game.

The Colonials responded with 38 unanswered points. Nichol connected with Tyre Pinder on a 50-yard scoring strike on a broken play, as Nicol escaped pressure and rolled right, finding Pinder alone at the 25 yard line, where he escaped down the right side avoiding a couple of tackles for the score.

Nicol found Connor Falaguerra for a 28 yard scoring strike to tie the game at 14-all with 12:20 left in the second quarter.

Nicol added a 1-yard scoring plunge with 5:49 left in the second quarter to give Western Connecticut the lead for good at 21-14.

After a Michael Killoran field goal hoosted the lead to 24-14, Westfield had a chance to add points late in the first half, but the Colonials' Douglas Katz blocked Westfield's Mike Bortolussi's 30-yard field goal try. The blocked kick bounced directly to Jacobson Jean-Baptiste, who rumbled for 78 yards and a touchdown with 1 second left in the half for a 31-14 lead at the half.

Westfield got a six-yard TD run from Mercadante in the third quarter. The touchdown was the 38th of his career, to set a school-record (breaking the mark of 37 set by Tim Lightfoot from 1992-95), and his 16th of the season to tie the school's single season mark (set by Dave Benoit in 2008). Mercadante finished with 126 yards rushing, and three touchdowns on the day. It was his seventh game of 120 or more yards this season and seventh game with two or more touchdowns. He finishes the year with 1289 yards rushing, the fourth best total in school history. He finishes his Westfield State career with 2993 yards rushing, also the fourth -best career total in school history.

Gurecio added an 8-yard scoring strike to Yinka Areago with 7:25 left in the game to cap the scoring.

Western Connecticut was able to hold the hall for the final 4:24 of the game to end hopes for an Owls comeback.

Bostek finished with four catches for 90 yards. Bohhy Boire caught four balls for 68 yards.

Defensively, senior inside linebacker Troy Cutter capped his career with a 17 tackle performance, including two tackles for losses. Senior Nick Sullivan was in on 12 stops with a sack, and classmate Julon McCoy came up with 11 tackles.

Michael Nicol threw for 247 yards and three touchdowns, and ran for another, to lead Western Connecticut.

Tory Mack finished with 117 yards rushing for the Colonials.Faluguerra caught eight balls for 155 yards.

Westfield ends the season at 5-5, 4-4 in the MASCAC. Western Connecticut is 7-3, 6-2 in the MASCAC. The Colonials should receive strong consideration for an ECAC bowl game bid.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 13th
M Ice Hockey vs Salem State vs Salem State W 6-1

Friday, November 14th
Football vs Western Connecticut State L 28-43

Saturday, November 15th
M/W XC NCAA D-III New England Regional Championships 22 of 54/ 24 of 57
W Swimming vs. Mount Holyoke College L 156-125
M BBall vs. Manhattanville W 84-65

Sunday, November 16th
M BBall vs. Bowdoin L 56-68

Tuesday, November 18th
W BBall vs Mount Ida College 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 20th
M Ice Hockey at Fitchburg State 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22nd
M/W NCAA D-III National Championships 11:00 p.m.
W Swimming vs Smith College 1:00 p.m.
M BBall at Emmanuel 1:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey at UMass Dartmouth 4:30 p.m.
W BBall vs Wellesley College 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23rd
W BBall vs MIT 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25th
W BBall at Mt. Holyoke College 5:30 p.m.
M Ice Hockey at Franklin Pierce 7:00 p.m.
M BBall at WNEU 7:30 p.m.

Fall Intramural Standings

AS OF WEDNESDAY NOV. 19

Volleyball:
1st: Well Hung Drywallers and Hit It & Quit It
2nd: OGBC and You Lift Bro
3rd: X
4th: Premature Shooters
5th: Space Monkey Mafia
6th: Carpet Cleaners
7th: Bombsquad
8th: Bangerz
9th: I'd Hit That
10th: Free Agents, Spaking Off, and One Hit Wonders

Soccer Men's Highly Skilled:
1st: Slick Rick Soccer Academy
2nd: Simply Nasty
3rd: Rocket Power
4th: 413 Boys
5th: Bucks
6th: Realcoholics
7th: Worm Burners FC
8th: Win or Lose We Still Booze

Soccer Men's Skilled:
East League:
1st: Blue Barracudas
2nd: To Be Determined
3rd: Jeager Program FC
4th: Inter Yer Sister
5th: Here For The Beer
6th: Space Monkey Mafia
7th: Moose & the Boys
8th: OGBC
West League:
Tied for 1st: Octopuss C's and Bustin' Bruins
2nd: Premature Shooters
3rd: Scanlon Sloots
4th: Below Average Andy's
5th: Hardly Athletic
6th: Back That Pass Up

Soccer Women's:
1st: Franzia United
2nd: Bend It Like Beckham
3rd: Hooters
4th: Juggling Your Balls
5th: Spirit Animals, Shin Splints, and Lady Killas

Highly Skilled 5v5 Basekthall:
1st place: Splash Bros and HYFR
2nd place: ZNKJ, High Flyerz, and Los Minions
3rd place: Cunning Stunts and Touch Down My Pants

Skilled 5v5 Basketball:
West League:
1st: Hit it & Quit it, OKD, 69ers, You Lift Bro
2nd: The White Mamhas and The Legends
3rd: Delly Meat and OGBC
East League:
1st: Heart Over Height
2nd: Moose & the Boys and o-76'ers
3rd: Stanley Park Trail Blazers, Space Monkey Mafia, and Bucks
4th: Octopuss C's
5th: Dirty Tim & the Boys and Little Giants

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Owls start 1-1 at Rick Martin Tournament

Westfield State sophomore Jesus Sanchez and the Owls had a tough time against Bowdoin's seven-foot center John Swords. The Owls were outrebounded 32-23 as a team and Swords finished the game with 16 of his own.

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State men's basketball team participated in the annual Rick Martin/ Holiday Inn Express Tip-Off Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, making it to the finals before falling to Bowdoin College, 68-56.

The Owls won their season opener Saturday in the first round of the tournament, defeating Manhattanville College, 84-65. Westfield senior forward Andre King lead all scorers with 26 points in that game. Throughout the game, the Owls and Manhattanville were in a tight contest early on, with the Owls leading the Valiants 37-32 at the half. In the second half, however, the Owls pulled away for the win.

In addition to King's 26 points, Westfield senior Robby Jones and sophomore Jesus Sanchez each earned double digits in points, scoring 14 and 11, respectively. The Owls dominated the rebounding total, out-rebounding Manhattanville 43-23. The Owls also grabbed 16 offensive rebounds to Manhattanville's four, which proved to be a deciding factor as Westfield dominated on both sides of the ball.

Freshmen Allister Williams, Joe Crane, and Keith Natale all debuted for the Owls, with Williams scoring eight points.

As for Manhattanville, Juan Camacho lead the team in scoring with 17 points. Anthony Maestre and Connor Quigley also crept into double figures for points, scoring 14 and 11 respectively.

As a team, Manhattanville shot well from the three point line, shooting 37.5% to Westfield's 30%, but the Owls did better in terms of field goal percentage, shooting 47.8% to Manhattanville's 37.2%.

After defeating Manhattanville, the Owls faced Bowdoin College on Sunday, who beat Elms College in their semifinal matchup.

The Owls opened up with an 18-12 advantage midway through the first half, but Bowdoin kept chipping away at the lead, eventually taking the lead, 28-26 late into the first half. By halftime, the Polar Bears led 30-28.

In the second half of the game, the Polar Bears broke the game open, going on an 8-0 run to go up by 10 points.

Westfield cut the lead to 46-41 with 11:33 to play, but that was as close as they got as Bowdoin answered with a 11-2 run of its own to regain a comfortable lead.

Bowdoin's John Swords, who was named Tournament MVP after the win, scored 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds against the Owls, who dropped to 1-1 on the year. Bryan Hurley and Lucas Hausman each added 15 points for the 2-0 Polar Bears.

Both Andre King and Robby Jones led the Owls in scoring against the Polar Bears, each scoring 16 points, while Jesus Sanchez added 10 points to the scoring total. Westfield State captain Grant Cooper was inactive for both of the Owls' tournament games.

The Owls' upcoming schedule is all non-conference games, starting with Wednesday's home game against Norwich. Westfield State doesn't start conference play until January 8th when they take on Framingham State. After they play Norwich, they take on Emmanuel and Western New England on the road before participating in another tournament, this time in Schenectady, New York. After the tournament, they go to Amherst to play Amherst College, and then return home to play Wesleyan December 4th.

Owls lose close contest in ECAC tournament

The Westfield Owls Women's Soccer team lost to the University of New England in the ECAC tournament this past week. They finish their season 13-6-2 overall and maintained an undefeated home record throughout the season.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

After an impressive regular season, the Westfield women's soccer team fell to second seeded University of New England on November 14th. Weatfield earned themselvea the third aeed in the tournament after finishing the season with a record of 13-6-2.

Having finished the aeason undefeated at home, the Owls returned to the winning tradition that haa become the norm in Westfield women's soccer. After a disappointing 10-8 record last season, the Owls hounced hack to form this fall.

This has been one of the more talented teams in recent memory as well, with an astonishing five players making the All-Conference team this year. Senior midfields Sarah Sypek and Ashleigh Chreitien made First Team All-Conference, along with junior defender Katy Knight. Seniors Amanda Grant and Ali Blanchette were named to the Second Team All-Conference as well.

Both teams finished the game with nearly identical stats in shots and time of posseasion. This truly was a cloæ game to the very end. The game was also a defensive struggle with both teams having many opportunities to score, but coming up short. The only tally was hy UNE's Edle Pallozi, who chipped a loose ball in from the left side of the box just 19:28 into the game.

Throughout the rest of the game, both goaltenders put on an outstanding performance. Westfield goalie Anne Stack recorded 10 saves to keep the Owls in the game while University of New England's goalie Brielle Robinson recorded eight of her own. Robinson successfully saved all of Westfield's shots on target, giving the Owls' offense headaches all night.

Owls senior, Amanda Grant, lead the offensive attack with four shots, including three on target. Othera who made an impact on offense were Kate Matroni, Amanda Margi and Sarah Sypek. Each was responaible for the other Owl shots on net. As a team, the Owls accounted for 14 total shots, with six of them missing the mark.

Juat seven minutes after UNE's goal, Amanda Grant almost tied things up until UNE goalkeeper Brielle Rohinson made an acrobatic save, diving to her left in spectacular fashion. That unfortunately was the last real threatening shot the Owls were able to get off all game.

Although many of the Owls' shots were on target, few were difficult saves for Robinson. The Owls only recorded one offside penalty and two fouls all night, whereas UNE had 11 fouls and were offside six times. Even in a loss, this maturity and ability to not commit many mistakes is a promising sign for this young team in years to come.

The Owls will graduate six seniors after this season losing some of their key contributors on offense and defense.

However, the Owls are bringing hack more than they are losing next season with the majority of their starters this season being juniors and sophomores, including goaltender Anne Stack, who had a phenomenal performance even in the loss. This returning talent will prove to be a serious advantage for Coach Ditmar's team next season.

Stanton gets paid with record setting contract

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

Miami Marlins superstar Giancarlo Stanton shocked the sports world on Sunday as he and the Marlins agreed to a 13 year, $325 million deal. This is not only be the largest contract in baseball, it will be the largest in professional sports. Before Stanton's contract. the previous record helong to New York Yankees superstar Alex Rodriguez, which was eclipsed by Stanton's by over $50 million.

Stanton, who finished second in the National League Most Valuable Player voting last year, was set to make a career payday to whatever team was able to sign him. Teams that aimed at signing the superstar included the Red Sox, Yankees and the Marlins' division rival Philadelphia Phillies. But after offering this mammoth deal to Stanton, few teams were abie to match the Marlins.

In the contract, Miami includes a no-trade clause for Stanton and roughly $26-27 million per season until he's 37, including $107 million in the first six years of his contract. But the contract does offer an opt-out clause, which has proven to be a back breaker in the past for Miami. Regardless, the Marlins know they have struck gold with Stanton and can only hope that he will not opt out after the 2019 or 2020 season, especially Stanton will only be 30 at that time.

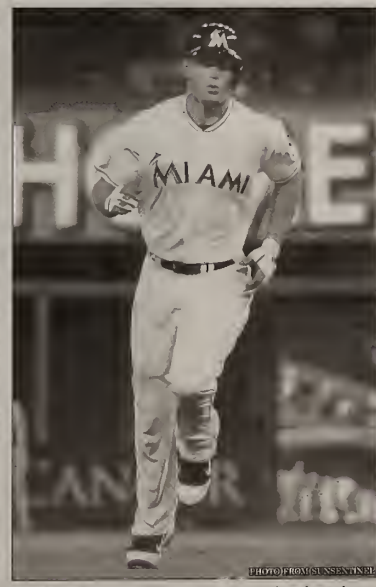
But with such a lucrative contract, it's easy to wonder: Is Stanton worth the money? At this point in his career. it looks like he is. But Miami, who has missed the playoffs every season since their World Series Championship in 2003, have no doubt taken a huge risk on Stanton. However, if Stanton can produce like he did last season, there's no doubt the Marlins' struggles will end. Stanton is clearly the entire Marlins' franchise on a team with little talent and a smaller payroll. Now that the Marlins were able to resign him, the next thing the Marlins must do is put a supporting cast around Stanton. With a strong supporting cast, Stanton can surely lead the Marlins back to the playoffs within a reasonahle timeframe.

Stanton's large contract now hrings into question other players' contracts. Two that come into mind are Yasiel Puig and Clayton Kershaw. The two Dodgers have had success the last two seasons and have performed to the point where they are guaranteed to get paid big come resigning time, but neither one of them stands to make anywhere close to what Stanton will make in his contract.

Another question is how you can offer someone such an extravagant contract when you cannot predict they'll be healthy. A great example of this is former Yankees embattled slugger Alex Rodriguez. Rodriguez received a monstrous contract on 2007 after his previous 10 year, $252 million contract ended, but now is hattling for playing time following numerous injuries and, of course, his steroid use and following suspension.

With all this being said, locking up Stanton seems to be the good move at this time. Stanton was a hot commodity on the free agent market, especially for a team like Boston, who had been eyeing Stanton since the beginning of last season.

Miami did what they had to do to lock up their entire franchise. Stanton, whose game has improved immensely, has shown it was time for the payday he deserved. For the sake of the Marlins franchise, let's hope that this contract can give Stanton the confidence to continue to succeed.



Giancarlo Stanton recently signed the largest contract in professional sports history. Although Stanton is recovering from a gruesome injury in which he was struck in the face by a pitch, the Marlins believe he is their mon.

Frontcourt talent is on the rise again

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

The NBA has had its fair share of dominant traditional centers, from Wilt Chamberlain to Dwight Howard on the Orlando Magic. However, the recent rule changes and one-and-done college players have essentially driven the center position extinct. The 2014-15 freshman class may indeed bring the position back to a priority in the future generations of basketball.

It has been a concern that the traditional center position may become irrelevant for the past decade, but it seems more a matter of "when" rather than "if" at this point. The elimination of handchecks allow guards to dominate a more so than in the past. Players like Kyle Lowry, Mike Conley, and Rajon Rondo all have become the focal point of their respective offenses, taking away from more conventional centers.

Also, the lax enforcement of illegal defense rules has made centers easier to guard. 3-pont orientated and run-and-gun offenses have become the standard in today's NBA because of the personnel and the limited flexibility that head coaches possess.

Talent has been suh-par at the position since the turn of the century, but that is a consequence of the transition the NBA's typical set offense style of play to a fast paced, drive-and-kick mentality. Players like Kenneth Faried and Blake Griffin are new generation talent. The way they play the game directly corresponds to the way that coaches in the 21st century want to run offenses. The Princeton offense is a distant memory and the Triangle offense died with the Zen Master's retirement.

The most recent true post-dominant player in college basketball is Jared Sullinger. Sullinger simply had a feel for the block and controlled any defender that challenged him. His time with the Celtics has not been as dominant at with Ohio State, but he, Chuck Hayes, and DeJuan Blair have all proven that size can be compensated for with fundamentals and basketball IQ

Kentucky this season has multiple 7-foot McDonald's All-Americans, however, all run the floor like Blake Griffin and rebound like Kenneth Faried. The team runs a two-platoon substitution system, and their entire roster exemplifies the new run-and-gun style of basketball. NBA scouts said that there is eight first round draft picks on the Wildcats this season, and after their 32-point victory over fifth ranked Kansas, I am inclined to believe them.

Jahlil Okafor, the number one prospect in the 2014 freshman class, is a 6-11 version of Jared Sullinger. His quick feet around the rim and soft hands on the block have made his transition to the college game a seamless one. He has started the season 25-30 from the field and converted 80% of his shots against Michigan State.

Okafor is 270 pounds, but still runs the floor like his is 205. As a preseason All-American and probable numher one overall pick come July, Okafor may lead a charge for a resurgence of dominant centers.

Cliff Alexander of Kansas is a 6-9 center with a 7-3 wingspan. His combination of dunks, blocks, and rebounds will dominate the NCAA this season and he may transition to the NBA with a game similar to Thomas Rohinson.

All of these players will not turn out to be superstars at the next level, but all of them possess qualities within their respective games that the NBA is currently lacking. The 2015 NBA draft class will overload the league with frontcourt talent. With Joel Embiid and Nerlens Noel still in the early stages of their careers, the NBA may see a resurgence of frontcourt driven basketball. Each generation has a genetically unique player who can guard all five positions, such as LeBron James or Magic Johnson. As James career moves closer to the home stretch, however, a new group of stars will take over, forming the game itself in their image.

FIFA, Blatter accused of corruption with 2022 World Cup

Connor Swan
Voice Reporter

PHOTO BY MARK WILSON, FIFA

FIFA president Sepp Blatter has been criticized in the past for his conduct and present accusations of corruption. He has been accused of accepting bribes that led to Qatar securing the 2022 World Cup bid.

Forgive me if this sounds familiar, but once again FIFA finds itself embroiled in scandal, and once again, it focuses in on the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Almost four years ago, Sepp Blatter, FIFA President, announced to a shocked world that the 2022 FIFA World Cup would not be coming hack to America as it was expected, hut instead would he going the small hut incredibly wealthy Arab country of Qatar.

Some quick background for our non-soccer fanatics out there: imagine a global version of the NCAA. All the greedy exploitation of its participants, the questionable moral compass and complete disregard for any organization other than itself, but on a global level, and that's FIFA.

Some past offenses include rewriting the bylaws of the World Cup selection process to increase FIFA's profits from all World Cup matches (FIFA is a non-profit organization that has $1.4 Billion in reserves), forcing Brazil to sell alcohol at World Cup events, despite a Brazilian law making this illegal. And now comes the incredihly shady method through which the 2022 World Cup has ended up in Qatar.

Qatar is a nation of 2 million people, located between the Arahian Sea and Saudi Arabia and has any numher of reasons why it should not host a World Cup, one of the main reasons heing the astonishing heat.

In fact, it is so hot that FIFA has decided that the World Cup will have to be held during the winter, which will not only wreck havoc on domestic soccer league schedules like the EPL and Bundesliga, but will also force FIFA to reorganize the entire international schedule.

Even if FIFA ignores the logistical nightmare this will cause, Qatar is also known to have a one of the worst track records on LGBT and women's rights in the civilized world. At this point, you may he asking yourself why you would even want to briefly fly over Qatar, let alone host the world's most prestigious event there, and the answer is simple: FIFA goes wherever their pocketbook gets lined the most.

Mere days after Qatar was awarded the 2022 World Cup, UK newspapers began to report that FIFA officials had accepted bribes on behalf of Qatar, prompting news outlets all over the world to begin taking a deeper look into exactly how FIFA elected Qatar and discovered Qatar officials paid close to $5 million in brihes the FIFA officials.

As a result, many of soccer's highest ranking officials, including UEFA President Michal Platini, began to call for Sepp Blatter's resignation and the redistrihution of the 2022 World Cup to the runner up, the United States.

After enduring months of these allegations, FIFA finally launched their own investigation into the matter, headed by Michael Garcia, an employee of FIFA. On November 13th, the results of this investigation came back and to no one's surprise, it's internal investigation, headed hy a lawyer representing them, cleared them of any wrongdoing. While this is great news, FIFA is refusing to make the results of this report public, instead releasing a brief summary that essentially says "FIFA did nothing wrong, just take our word for it."

This is not the first time FIFA has been surrounded by scandal, and it certainly will not be the last. While it's all well and good to suggest that countries boycott the 2022 World Cup in protest of Qatar's deplorable social conditions and shady methods of obtaining soccer's most sought after event, there will always be a slew of countries waiting to take their place.

Despite their corruption, FIFA will remain untouchable because of their power in the worlds most popular sport, leaving just one question: Who's ready to spend their winter in Qatar?

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 20): Thanksgiving is just around that corner. We advise that you avoid Uncle Stu's sweet potatoes this year.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21): The winds of change are coming. Avoid the bacon in the DC.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21): All of those long hours you spent in the library were a waste. You are going to fail all of your exams next week, regardless of your study habits.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22): I know that you have been fearful about getting into only half of your classes for next semester. In reality, you won't be getting into any of them.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23): Time to abolish that secret vice of yours. People are starting to catch on.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22): Your neighbors are getting annoyed with your late night tuba playing. Put a sock in it. Literally.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22): This is the last straw. Use it wisely.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21): Enjoy your family time at Thanksgiving. Just remember that turkey had a family once too.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21): You've done a great job keeping healthy this flu season. A little too healthy…

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19): Bringing that new love interest home for the holidays? It's time to hide all of those embarrassing baby pictures.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18): Having writer's block? Try a laxative.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20): The stars are utterly silent in regards to you, Pisces. They're simply not interested.

games & leisure

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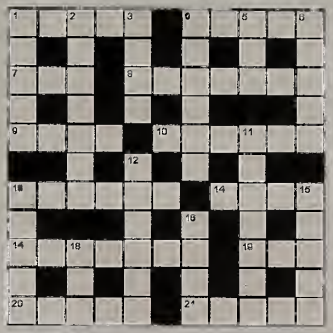

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14. Leave out (4)
17. Decorate food (7)
19. Beverage (3)
20. Stitched (5)
21. Travesty (5)

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2. Areas (7)
3. Tall story (4)
4. Counting device (6)
5. Perform (3)
6. Duck (5)
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12. Aped (6)
13. Earnings (5)
15. Search and find (5)
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18. Uncooked (3)

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11/22	1 pm	Dodgeball Tournament—Come Out And Watch!	Parenzo Gym
11/22	2 pm	WSU Men's Club Volleyball - Interest Meeting	Parenzo Gym
11/22	9 pm	Comedian: Steve Hofstetter	Owl's Nest
11/24	7 am	Registration : 1st Year Students	Online
11/24	7:30 pm	Chamber Music	Dever Stage
11/25	1 pm	Grammar II: Review & Tips For Success	Bansocs Ctr.
11/25	4 pm	S1 Session: Acct 104	Bates 225
11/25	7 pm	Christian Fellowship	Interfaith Ctr.
11/26	2:15 pm	S1 Session: Chem 109	Wilson 407
11/26	6:30 am-Noon	Wellness Center Hours	Ely
11/30	4—10:30 pm	Wellness Center Hours	Ely
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SGA raises over $1,800 in donations; 114 turkeys given to the Westfield Salvation Army

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Justin Connolly, Christian Capalbo, Matthew Carlin, Adam Bourdon, and Joshua Clark assisted in bringing the turkeys to the Salvation Army. The donation was 110 bought from Big Y, four from Sodexo.

This year's annual Turkey Drive has shown that the Westfield State University community is not only strong in charity, but also coming together for a common goal.

Justin Connolly, community relationship and fundraising representative for the Student Government Association, organized the Turkey Drive, making sure all the residence halls and other areas on campus had volunteers asking for donations. Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, gave high appraisal for Connolly's work.

$1,855.63 was raised from the drive this year. That sum allowed the University to buy 110 turkeys to be donated to the Westfield food pantry. Sodexo also donated four additional turkeys to the 110 raised.

Connolly said the drive could not have gone better. When asked if he was happy with the final amount raised he said, "It went great; I am really happy and proud with the amount raised."

He said that a lot of people put in a lot work as well into the drive and thanked them for their support.

Upon reviewing the numbers over the last three years, the turkey drive has seen a climbing success rate. In 2011, $1,255.00 was raised for the dive and 102 turkeys were purchased. The 2012 drive saw $1,530.57 raised with 100 turkeys donated. In 2013, 101 turkeys were donated with the $1,315 that was raised.

Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, was very happy with the totals. "I think Justin did a great job coordinating the money-raising efforts. I do not think it could have gone any smoother."

"Each year it seems that we raise more and more money, which is great for the families of Westfield who so badly needed the turkeys to make their Thanksgiving dinners complete," he added.

In a press release, Connolly said, "We are very fortunate to be able to say that we are a part of an institution like Westfield State University...This comes to realization with a lot of people during this time because we see how thankful we are to be attending or working at a place like this and we want to have the opportunity to give back to those that may not have the opportunities that we have."

The continued charitable work that the university is involved in is a testament to the founding principles that Westfield State was built on. This donation was a great start to all of the contributions that the university makes during the holiday season.

Pancakes with the President to be held

In a late night Facebook post, the Student Government announced the return of Pancakes with the President.

Corroborated by a tweet sent by Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, and a separate social media post by Olivia Dumas, SGA vice president of academic life, the event will be taking place on Jan. 21, 2015 at 10 p.m. in the Dining Commons.

An event that started with former president Evan Dobelle, the event draws large crowds of students looking to have pancakes, bacon, and other breakfast favorites served up by the likes of Liz Preston, interim president; Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs; and Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs.

More details are sure to follow. Although never explicitly tended to, word from the president's office confirms that a vegetarian option will be added for those who do not care for bacon. *(from news reports)*

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Student Government Association holds second to last meeting of the semester

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The Student Government Association held their second to last meeting of the semester in a perfect stride by coming to a unanimous decision on two financial proposals and bringing concise reports to each other.

The scheduled guest speakers Marsha Marotta, vice president of academic affairs, and Andrew Bonacci, dean of academic affairs, were not present for the meeting and the SGA went on without them.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, first addressed the SGA senators, welcomed everyone back, and said that she hoped everyone had a wonderful break.

She then expressed appreciation towards all senators, including the man in charge of the drive, Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, for raising a total of $1,855.63 in the University's annual turkey drive. She said the amount of money raised has bought 110 turkeys, along with four turkeys donated by Sodexo, to benefit the Westfield Food Pantry.

DiVico announced that Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programing, is resigning her executive position due to her study abroad trip to Italy during the 2015 spring semester. The College Activities Board and executive members of the SGA met to interview possible candidates to fill the open position, she said.

DiVico said that Daniel Chamberlain, Courtney Hall representative, has been chosen as the new vice president of programming and will be appointed in next semester.

After the madam president was done, Joshua Frank, student trustee, gave a few updates on state funding. He said that Governor Deval Patrick has proposed a $329 million state budget cut and that the state universities were affected.

Frank reported that the state university internship incentive was cut by fifty percent. He also said that the civic engagement initiative grant was cut from the universities budget as well. "These cuts to the state universities come to a combined total of $5 million," Frank said.

He said that all civic engagement activities, including classes and projects, would continue for rest of the year; however, the additional professional development for the potential civic engagement staff member will not take place. He said the next Board of Trustees meeting would take place on Dec. 15 in the president's boardroom at 3 p.m.

Ivana McGlinchey, Multicultural Committee representative, announced that the committee would have an international dinner in the Scanlon Banquet Hall on Dec. 10 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event will have games, performances, and lots of food, she said. The cost is $1 for students and $3 for faculty.

Megan Doerle, representative-at-large, announced the holiday dinner at the dining commons would be on Thursday, Dec. 15. The menu will consist of roast sirloin beef, pureed ham, a bread bar, and a variety of sweet treats for dessert, Doerle said. Sodexo is hosting a bingo night in the DC on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. She lastly said that a Greek yogurt bar would be available for everyone on Dec. 15 during dinner hours.

Justin Connolly asked Doerle when the second toaster would be back in the DC. She said that the food committee does not know when it will be back because equipment must go through the University; Sodexo does not own the equipment in the DC.

Olivia Dumas said she had exiting news for the SGA. She announced that the library would be open for 24 hours from Dec. 8 through Dec. 12. She said that Academic Life knows that students use the library more during pre-finals week than on finals week.

Mathew Carlin, vice president of finance, brought two finance proposals to the SGA. The first was from WHIP Comedy Improv who asked for funds for registration, transportation, hotel, and parking costs for a trip to a comedy convention.

The total funds, Carlin said, were $1,268.63 to cover half of the expenses. Aaron Sylvia, Dickinson Hall president, asked where the convention was. A representative from the club said the event would take place at Improv Boston in Camhridge for three nights.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, asked if the representative went last year. He said last year was the first time for the club and hopes that the club can make the trip annually. Carlin motioned to allocate the funds for the club and the motion passed unanimously.

The final proposal came from the Musical Theater Guild who asked for $3,000 to cover scripts, rights to the musical scores, props, sets, costumes, and the orchestra for the musical Into the Woods.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, asked what would happen to the show if the motion to allocate funds did not pass. A representative from MTG answered, "We have to have the money for the show, if we do not have the rights we cannot do the show." The motion to allocate $3,000 passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely hy Dunkin' Donuts.

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news from other schools

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University of Mass. Amherst

At the last routine Monday meeting of the University of Massachusetts Student Government Association, members read and responded to parts of the Ed Davis report on the 2014 "Blarney Blowout." SGA members were receptive to Davis' report, and agreed with the findings, which showed the responsibility for the Blowout as being shared by students, the University, the Amherst Police Department and the UMass Police Department.

daily orange
Syracuse University

At the final Student Association meeting of the semester Dean Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz discussed the campus master plan for Syracuse University, the chief of the Department of Public Safety gave a presentation about DPS policies and the assembly declined to vote on a resolution that would add SU to a list of universities that support the New York state DREAM Act.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Computer Science professor Harry R. Lewis '68 will be the interim Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences beginning on January 1, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Michael D. Smith announced on Tuesday. Lewis will step in as the school's head for Cherry A. Murray, who announced her resignation in late October, until Smith names a permanent replacement for the post.

Just another college library...or is it?

Chelsea Nelson
Voice Contrihutor

With its residential campus surrounded by family homes and an elementary school, Westfield State University offers not only an aesthetically pleasing view but also an amazing college experience. With its vast amount of courses offered and amazing internship and job opportunities, Westfield brings so much more to the table than any other state school.

The Ely library is located at the tip of campus and has easy access from any residential building. It is located in the Ely campus center but has its own two main floors for computers, printers, computer lab, and resources. It also has what students and faculty refer to as the stacks, which are five floors of material. These are to help when students are writing papers and need a book reference.

They are also a part of the inter library loan system, which allows students to get books from partnered schools that may have a book we do not offer.

While other colleges charge students per semester or per page, Westfield offers free printing to all students and faculty. Printers are located throughout the campus, and there are at least one Mac and one PC lab in each academic building. Bates has three 24/7 labs in the basement that each have computers in them as well.

Allowing students to use them any time of day is convenient and therefore does not require Westfield students to have a computer for the four years they are here.

The Reading and Writing Center is another resource that works in partnership with the library to offer help to students with anything they need regarding writing. They come in to the library and use a study room with a peer tutor to provide a more personal experience.

The hours are the same every week: Sunday and Monday they are there 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday they are there 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. These bours are based on when students were in the library the most.

The ERC or Education Resources Center is located on the first floor in the back middle section of the library. It offers a place for students studying education to access books and kits to help use ,while student teaching or writing a lesson plan. The books span from Dr. Seuss to twelfth grade calculus. They also have a librarian that specializes in education and student resources to assist the education majors more directly.

In 2010, some students from Westfield State University wrote a proposal for a business and technical writing class to pitch an idea to improve some areas on campus. What they thought was just a class assignment intrigued the librarians and they actually used their proposal to improve the library.

They asked for laptops to be purchased so students could use them if all the other computers were taken.

Technology spans to more than just touch-screen computers and smart boards. Ely Library bas vastly improved in the course of four years. On the laptop rentals we offer we also have installed Pharos, which is a wireless printing system that allows you to sit on a laptop booked up to Wi-Fi and be able to print to your ID card. The printing information then stays on that card for twelve hours and you can go to any computer lab to print it. They also have this technology in three of the first floor study rooms, which allows students to wirelessly connect their computer screens to the monitor on the wall, making school projects easier to complete.

Having been renovated just last year, the Ely Library is always improving. With a friendly staff and amazing resources, Ely Library is one library other state schools should look to for ways to improve.

How did you spend your Thanksgiving?

Joseph Russo
Voice Contrihutor

Thanksgiving is widely considered one of the hest holidays of the year. How could it not he with food, family, and, of course, football all crammed into one day? Whether it he watching football, crossing state lines to see distant family, or just staying in for the day, one of the hest parts ahout Thanksgiving is how you spend it. I caught up with some Westfield students to discuss their holiday and the unique ways they spent it.

Tyler Mason, a communications major, woke up early Thanksgiving Day to watch one of Massachusetts's longest turkey day rivalry games: North Attleboro vs. Attlehoro. The heated rivals needed extra time to determine the winner until North Attlehoro intercepted a pass, leading North to victory in the 94th all-time meeting between the two on Thanksgiving Day.

Afterwards, he headed home to spend the rest of the day with his family. "It's always nice to see your family, especially if you haven't seen them in a while. For that reason, I'd say Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday."

While some may stay local, others travel. Sophomore Brendan Tamul left directly from school with his family to go visit his sister at the University of Delaware. The trip is a tradition the family has had for the last three years. "i don't get to see my sister a lot anymore," said Tamul, "so anytime I get to make the trip with my entire family it's always pretty special."

On Thanksgiving Day, they have hrunch followed hy a walk around campus to catch up on everything that has happened so far that year. "Holidays are all ahout being with family," Brendan told me, "so if that means a little travel, that's all right by me."

People have been connecting Thanksgiving to foothall for years, and the trend of playing family pickup foothall in the backyard continued at the Lydon household. Pat Lydon, a sophomore criminal justice major, always looks forward to pickup foothall on Thanksgiving.

For him, it is a great way to connect with family he has not seen in a while. Plus there is an added incentive to win since the team that wins gets first dihs on the food when it is dinnertime.

After an afternoon of playing football, Pat and his family enjoy sitting down in their living room to watch the afternoon football game. To him, there is no hetter way to spend the holiday.

Thanksgiving certainly is a special time of the year; it brings family and friends together. With the perfect combination of sports, food, family, and fun, you would have a hard time finding a holiday that brings people together like Thanksgiving.

What makes Thanksgiving so special is the different ways that you spend it and the people you reconnect with. So if you traveled, stayed at home, or spent the day hanging out with old high school friends at the big game, one thing remains the same: the day is usually spent with some really special people.

crime log

On Nov. 19, harassment occurred between 12:08 p.m. and 2:40 p.m. in University Hall. The case is open.

On Nov. 20, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:53 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:50 p.m. in Dickiason Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:33 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:36 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 22, malicious destruction of property occurred at 1:51 a.m. in the Campus Center Gazebo. The case is open.

On Nov. 22, an assault and battery and disturbing the peace occurred at 1:54 a.m. on Scanlon Road. A summons was issued.

On Nov. 22, malicious destruction of property occurred at 2:33 a.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case is open.

On Nov. 22, a liquor law violation occurred at 4:53 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 22, a liquor law violation occurred at 5:57 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 22, three counts of liquor law violation and trespassing occurred at 7:33 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. Summonses were issued.

On Nov. 22, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:32 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

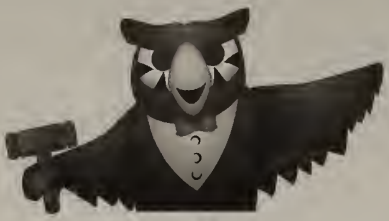
On Nov. 23, malicious destruction occurred at 1:02 a.m. in the Commuter Lot Gazebo. The case is open.

On Nov. 23, a liquor law violation occurred at 1:28 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Nov. 23, trespassing occurred at 2:13 a.m. on Davis Road. A trespass notice was issued.

On Nov. 23, malicious destruction of property occurred between 11:12 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case is open.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.



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Westfield State partners with community to host Dickens Days events

From Press Release

During the month of December, Westfield State University will host multiple Dickens Days events ranging from a holiday pop-up store and visiting artists at the downtown art gallery to on campus concerts.

The university's Downtown Art Gallery becomes a bargain-filled holiday pop-up "shoppe" called Ebenezer's Emporium that features the work of regional artists and craftspeople, as well as an array of Whip City merchandise and gift certificates.

Robert Plasse, a member of Westfield State's Department of Advancement and University Relations, says the shop has a little something for everybody's holiday needs.

"With Ebenezer's Emporium, the university joins in Westfield's 11th annual celebration of Dickens Days," Plasse said. "Westfield on Weekends and Westfield Creative Arts have helped us to open this special holiday shop, which features a wide variety of items for every taste. The gallery is now a festive store that celebrates the creativity of regional artists and craftspersons. Even Scrooge is smiling!"

Through December, the Downtown Art Gallery will also have extended hours for the events being held: Tuesdays through December 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesdays through December 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Thursdays 2:00-7:00 p.m.; Fridays through December 19, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturdays through December 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Sundays through December 21, 12:00-4:00 p.m.; And artists/craftpersons reception Thursday December 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

On Thursday December 11, "'Tis the Season: A Holiday Celebration" with arch guitarist Peter Blanchette will be held in the Downtown Art Gallery at 7:00 p.m.

Peter Blanchette is the creator of the 11 string arch-guitar. His repertoire of unusual and internationally acclaimed arrangements and compositions spans from medieval to contemporary to ethnic, played in solo recital or with selected other instrumentalists to form the Virtual Consort.

A recipient of the MCC Artist Grant in Music Composition, Blanchette is a veteran performer of such high profile venues as NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion," and The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. As a composer, he has contributed to such television programs as HBO's "Sex and the City," USA Network/NBC's "Royal Pains," and PBS' "Inside the Tuscan Hills." Among other film work, Blanchette worked extensively with Pulitzer Prize-winning composer William Bolcom and director John Turturro on Turturro's film "Illuminata".

Blanchette is the founder and artistic director of the critically-acclaimed Happy Valley Guitar Orchestra (hvgo.org). His classical/jazz concept recording, "Had Miles Met Maurice" (DORIAN #dor-93198) was selected by AudioPhile Magazine as a "Top 100 Jazz CD of 2001," and in 2011, he received New England Public Radio Foundation's Arts and Humanities Award for outstanding individual artist. He holds a master's degree in music composition from Smith College in Northampton, Mass. and a bachelor's degree from Marlboro College in Marlboro, VT.

Blanchette's visit was made possible by a grant from the Westfield Creative Arts Council.

The Downtown Art Gallery is located in the Rinnova Building on 105 Elm Street.

As part of its partnership with Westfield State, several Dickens Days events will be held at the university including Westfield State University Big Band concert (December 4) and Breakfast with Santa (December 6).

Now in its 11th year, Westfield Dickens Days is a community-wide event inspired by Charles Dickens and the Victorian Age sponsored by Westfield on Weekends (WOW) and the Westfield Business Improvement District (WBID). It's a December of holiday traditions, theatre, visits with Santa, lectures, concerts and sparkling lights throughout The District, Westfield's downtown.

For more information on Dickens Days, check out the website at http://www.dickensdays.com/.

Author Joan Biskupic discusses U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and the 'politics of justice'

From Press Release

Westfield State University will host author Joan Biskupic on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Joan Biskupic is a lawyer and journalist with more than 25 years of experience covering judiciary news and the Supreme Court at many different publications including USA Today, The Washington Post, and Congressional Weekly. She currently works as editor in charge for legal affairs at Reuters News.

Biskupic has published three books: "Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice," "American Original: The Life and Constitution of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia," and most recently, "Breaking In: the Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice."

Biskupic frequently serves as commentator on television and radio programs including Washington Week with Gwen Ifill, the NPR Diane Rehm Show, and NBC's Today Show.

Biskupic will discuss her latest book "Breaking in," which details of the life and career of Sonia Sotomayor, who became the first Hispanic U.S. Supreme Court Justice in 2009.

Born in the Bronx to Puerto-Rican born parents, Sotomayor's legal career spans three decades. After graduating from Yale Law School where she was an advocate for the hiring of Latino faculty, Sotomayor worked as a district attorney in New York and joined a private practice.

She was nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit by President Bill Clinton in 1997 and assumed office in the Supreme Court in 2009 after being nominated by President Barack Obama.

In addition to being the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice, she's the third woman to serve the role.

Some notable rulings include J.B.D. v. North Carolina in which a 13-year old student enrolled in special education classes suspected of committing robbery was not given a Miranda warning during his interrogation. Sotomayor ruled that age should be taken into account during interrogation.

She was also part of a 5-3 majority in Arizona v. the United States that struck down aspects of an Arizona anti-illegal immigration law. Biskupic will sign copies of her book after the lecture. She earned her B.A. in journalism from Marquette University, her M.A. in English from the University of Oklahoma, and her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Westfield State University Department of Advancement and University Relations.

from the voice vault

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Unity dinner brings harmony to a day of remembrance

BY JESS NORDEN
A&E EDITOR

On Wednesday September 11, Westfield State's annual Unity Dinner was held in the Dining Commons.

Musical acts performed from 4pm to 6pm during the dinner hours while students, faculty and neighbors of the community enjoyed their meals.

At the beginning of the evening, sophomore Kerrin Clark performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" to a silenced audience.

President Woodward talked about Unity Day and the significant impact that it has on the campus.

"Unity Day is an annual college tradition which brings together the school, the community, and its neighbors."

"This year has taken on an added significance due to September 11, a day of remembrance for the school, the country and the world. I'm extremely pleased at the amount of students, faculty and neighbors that have joined together to show their unity on campus."

During the dinner, several students discussed their feeling and thoughts of the horrific events that happened on September 11.

While some students either spoke aloud or sang, others performed dance routines that displayed their feelings through the music and their movements.

Some students gave their thoughts on Unity Day and its special significance this year.

-Photo by Kelly Clarke

Kerrin Clark, sophomore, singing "The Star Spangled Banner"

"It makes you feel good to see everyone come together on this day", said junior Heather Lusco.

Junior Debbie Fullerton said, "It was very entertaining and it's wonderful to see members of the college community come together on this day of remembrance."

Junior Kim Steams said, "I think that this was a feel good event that makes you appreciate being an American. There was good entertainment, the music was very uplifting and the food was good, especially the cake. I thought that today's festivities had a really good outcome overall as well."

Many members of the faculty and staff were at the dinner with family members or friends and interacted with the students throughout the evening as a band performed songs with tribal and rhythmic beats flowed through the Dining Commons. The upbeat music was a good background and added to the enjoyment of the night.

The night ended with a lavish cake in the form of a flag being ceremoniously cut by President Woodward and a token of appreciation went out to all staff, faculty and students who participated in the evening's events.

College 101: Life on the big screen...

BY BOB MCDONALD
VOICE REPORTER

College movies have always been a staple of the college experience. They provide a fantasy for those of us who wish our college experience could be, at times, more wild.

Their humor can be unparalleled and no student should go through the college experience without viewing a few essential movies.

Therefore, for the benefit of those who do not want to spend eight dollars at the movie theater (or at least not yet), I have compiled a list of my top three favorite college movies.

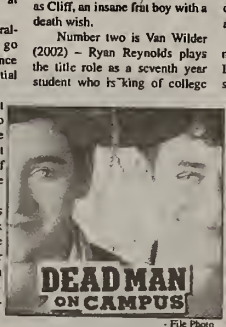
Revenge of the Nerds (1984), PCU (1994), and Back to School (1986) all receive honorable mentions for their prevalence on cable television and for their refusal to completely die away from cinematic life. All are very funny.

Number three is Dead Man on Campus (1998) is about Josh (Tom Everett Scott), a 4.0 student on the fast track to success until he moves in with Cooper (Saved by the Bell's Mark-Paul Gosselaar), a carefree soul more concerned with the party life than school work.

As Josh's grades slip, he is clued in to a little-known clause that gives all students in a room straight A's, providing that one roommate commit suicide. The two thea go on a search of the perfectly suicidal roommate, with wild results.

The film's best aspect is the performance of Lochlyn Munro as Cliff, an insane frat boy with a death wish.

Number two is Van Wilder (2002) – Ryan Reynolds plays the title role as a seventh year student who is "king of college but does not seem to want to start a real life.



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"Dead Man on Campus" takes the number three slot in top college movies.

The comedy, although raunchy at times (the film is only available in unrated form), is solid. Reynolds delivers quips and one-liners with an enthusiasm not often seen in comedy.

The film also stars Tara Reid, Teck Holmes (of The Real World fame), and Kal Penn as Taj, a foreign exchange student who lands the choice job as Van's personal assistant.

The superior performances off the entire cast make this film an instant college classic.

The number one movie on my list is Animal House (1978) – Let's face it; if you are a college student and you have not seen this movie, something is wrong. Faber College Dean Wormer has finally found a way to remove the most rebellious fraternity, the Deltas, from campus. The Deltas, led by Tim Matheson's Otter, spend the movie fighting back against the administration and the snobby Omegas.

The film features many now famous actors, including Kevin Bacon's first major performance and the one who gets all the credit is John Belushi, playing the immortal Bluto, now stuck to so many dorm room walls in poster form.

Although sometimes described as a "guy-movie" this film is fun for anyone who wants to spend two hours supporting rebellion to the status quo.

A night at Jester's Cafe

BY BLAKE LOGAN
VOICE REPORTER

Picture this: An eclectic mix of both young and old, sitting in a small coffeehouse on 124 Elm Street in a small town in western Massachusetts.

They all sit in a few booths and small tables with high, stool like chairs, some crouched over notebooks scribbling away, while others sip coffee and chat with their friends.

This was the scene at the weekly open Mic night at Jesters Coffee House and Delicatessen on Monday night.

The open mic night invites anyone, to come sign up to share their thoughts, poems, and spoken word at 6:30 p.m., an hour before the show, leaving time for revisions, preparations or just to kick back and enjoy a cup of their coffee.

When the poets step up to the mic, the magic begins, most are friends of the audience, or one of the many varied poets that the host, Dave Lucander, invites to read. Poets of the past include Des Marshall, Rich Mackie and Gooselove.

The night kicks off with a brief introduction by Lucander, and some of his poetry as well. Lucander's poetry is fantastic to say the least, and really gives you an insight into his inner character. if you were to come for his poetry alone it would be well worth the free admission.

However, a donation is asked for the featured poet, as Lucander said "Poetry alone doesn't pay the mortgage, trust me I've tried".

Next up were the house poets who signed up to read earlier in the evening. Any type of prose, poetry or spoken word can be expected, but the majority is poetry.

Many of the house poets have come since open mic started last year, and they bring with them some humor, drama, and a lot of energy.

One poet that received much attention goes by the name of Bumble. Her poems are very emotion filled, and deeply personal, yet with a touch comedy to lighten it all up. It seemed all of her work was thoroughly enjoyed by the friendly and excepting crowd.

The featured poet on this evening was Tony Brown, member of the 1999 and 2001 Worcester Slam Teams, and prolific writer. Brown has been writing since the late 70's, and began writing slam poetry in the early 90's.

Brown's performance was absolutely amazing! The energy, enthusiasm and excitement he brings with him to the stage with enthrall most anyone, let alone those with a predilection towards poetry.

His showmanship is like that of an actor, coupled with that of a musician. Many of his poems left the audience both applauding and laughing, so if you get chance definitely see him!

So make sure to get down to Jester's Cafe on Monday nights for a great time, as many great but as of yet unfound poets read some awesome work.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Cabinet positions are in constant replacement mode in the Obama administration

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

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Ashton Carter is set to become the new Secretary of Defense of the United States.

Sadly, President Obama cannot rely on an hourly worker at Home Depot or Lowes to help him out with his cabinet issues. It would seem that the President has learned the hard way that first choices are always the best choices...and neither or the second...third...the back up to the third... well, you get the gist. From Secretary of State to the recent Secretary of Defense, Obama has been faced with a rotating cabinet for his term in office.

To start off let us look towards the most notable of the stories, Obama having to find a replacement for Hilary Clinton as Secretary of State. Being one of the first major Cabinet positions vacated, the White House came up with a "short list" of top officials who could replace her.

Susan Rice was the star player from the announcement of Clinton's resignation; however, there were a few mishaps that prevented Rice's "destiny," the main event being her horrible remarks regarding the September 2012 attack on the US Embassy in Benghazi (Libya).

Rice had the GOP lashing out at her for the entire crisis and despite Obama defending her, Rice withdrew from consideration. Apparently, she wrote to the president claiming "that (the) trade-off' was not beneficial to the nation.

That trade-off was a drawn out and hostile confirmation process through congress. As we all know now, Obama ended up without former Senator John Kerry and I just leave it at that.

To say the secretary of state was the only appointment that Obama was forced to replace would be a force. Just these last few weeks, the (now) former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel resigned amongst disagreement with the President over the military actions being taken in the Middle East, specifically Iraq. Being the more recent of the Obama's first choice appointments resigning, Obama should have been prepared, right?

Well, it seems that the shortlist for the new Secretary of Defense fell through at the last minute with candidates like Jeh Johnson or Senator Jack Reed withdrawing themselves from consideration already. Things aren't looking too bright for the President, since he is down to a secondary choice of Ashton Carter, a Pentagon official who only emerged once the top candidates withdrew from consideration. I don't even know how to begin addressing the very implications of getting a recommendation that was beyond the "shortlist" of qualified candidates for the job.

Now, it would seem amiss to not mention the very first blunder of President Obama's administration that occurred even before he was officially sworn into his first term! Of course, I am referring to former Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tom Dashcle, who was the former Majority leader of the Senate.

Tom Dashcle was a staunch Obama supporter who even floated as a potential Vice President alongside Joe Biden. It was only reasonable that he would get a nomination for a cabinet level position post-election, right? Obama naturally nominated Dashcle for the secretary ship in December of 2008.

Not even a few months later Dashcle was admitting to a failure to report over fifteen grand in charitable donations or using a car service. Mind you, this was after he was forced to pay roughly $140,000 to the IRS in back taxes. The political turmoil that was brewing made it nearly impossible for Dashcle to even think about taking over the secretary position. He later withdrew his candidacy and the President was forced to make another nomination.

Now, I won't even mention the other mess-ups of the Obama administration's nominations. It seems unfair to the president. In all seriousness, I think it should be a warning bell for 2016 when a new president is to be elected.

First, do a complete screening of your choices, beware of any potential firestorm that is approaching their careers (tax evasion, offending the American people, lying on record etc.) and pick people who are going to stay with you. It wouldn't be so bad if Congress weren't filled with hostile republicans that are still fuming over President Obama's immigration executive order that was made in late November.

Although it isn't entirely Obama's fault, even if becoming a member of Cabinet is one of the highest honors a public official can serve as, for anyone with political aspirations beyond Obama's tenure it would be an ill-advised move.

The reason is simple; President Obama has been distanced by his own party and is quickly depleting in Public approval. Anyone who serves in this capacity would not be helping his or her career.

First, I would like to formally recognize how long it took me to research into Ashton Carter. Simply put, I was forced to search the web for non-preliminary summaries of the man. However, I finally found what I was looking for at Politico.

As Politico contributor Austin Wright reports, "(the) Secretary of defense nominee hasn't always agreed with Obama," citing many cases in the last decade where Carter has made key distinctions with President Obama's current policies.

He advocated to "preemptively striking North Korea" back in 2006 and then pushed for President Obama to keep troops in Iraq past 2011 alongside former secretary Panetta who said, "Obama never took those fights seriously."

Despite these key differences with President Obama, Carter may have one thing going for him. He is an advocator for budget reforms and anyone looking to atabilize and/or cut back the military's budget would help their cause in confirming him.

Though the White House as of preas time hasn't officially nominated Carter, it is more likely than not to be so in the near future. As a note of reference, Chuck Hagel will continue to serve in his position until his replacement is confirmed by congress.

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from the editor's desk

College students stray from a party-first stereotype with community charities

There tends to be a lot of bad press about college students. I am not speaking specifically about Westfield State students in that opening statement but about college students nationwide.

Alcohol and drug use, the unfortunate trend of unreported sexual assault, and the complacency with the bare minimum places college students at a disadvantage in the public sphere.

What is unfortunate about this circumstance is that the aforementioned "stereotypes" are self-serving to the media that perpetuates the image of this holistically generous and humane group in society.

There are plenty of cases when this is evident, but I will name only a few.

Last year, Westfield State students raised over $75,000 with events such as Mr. Westfield, Relay for Life, Buzz-off for Cancer, and the Out of the Darkness Suicide Walk.

The money that was donated through the generosity of Westfield State students, faculty, administration, and friends and family of the students was absolutely instrumental to these astronomical numbers.

Not only was money contributed, however, as time was also offered in the case of Relay for Life. Although time is a necessary component of the Relay for Life experience, the student-participants spent the night from start to finish in the Woodward Center.

As a witness and participant, it was an enriching experience.

But that was last year.

This year, student generosity is aiming for new heights. As all of the charitable fundraising activities reached new heights last year, the stakes are higher now.

Brenna Closius and Beth Teague's Relay for Life has already bumped up their fundraising goal by $10,000 while Ryan Losco's Buzz-off for Cancer expects to bump up their fundraising goal to $10,000 after raising over 100% of their goal last year.

Justin Connolly's Turkey Drive is a testament to the good nature of college students on the whole. As the original deadline approached for the senators to raise money, there was a need to extend the deadline because the councils were not done collecting.

This was not due to lack of effort but because of the overwhelming desire that came from the student body and the faculty, staff, and administration to help Westfield families in need.

The take-away from all of this is to eschew the negative press and focus on the positives that students contribute to the communities they inhabit on a regular basis.

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LADIES LIFESTYLE

The many uses of witch hazel

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

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Witch hazel is a flowering shrub common in North America. The leaves, bark, and twigs of witch hazel are high in tannins. Tannins are found in any natural astringent because of their ability to tighten, dry and harden tissues.

Witch hazel (the astringent) has a clean smell and is refreshing on the skin. For centuries Native Americans have been using witch hazel water as a medical astringent. Witch hazel is a deciduous bush reaching about 6 m in height that can be found in damp woods in most of North America. The leaves are oval shaped and the plant has yellow flowers.

To make the astringent, the leaves, bark, and twigs are dried. The witch hazel water you can buy for $2 at any drugstore is actually a steam distillation of the bark, leaves, and twigs of the shrub itself. Traditionally, the Native American people use witch hazel as a treatment for tumors and eye inflammations.

They also use witch hazel for the treatment of hemorrhoids, burns, cancers, tuberculosis, colds, and fever. The great thing about witch hazel is that it's 100% natural and inexpensive. There are many uses for witch hazel, but here are some of my favorites.

1. Treat Acne – Witch hazel is an inexpensive way to clear your skin. It is an effective and gentle way to treat acne or oily skin.

2. Reduce Puffiness – If your eyes are puffy then soak two small cotton pads with witch hazel and put them over your eyes. Witch hazel is well known for shrinking blood vessels.

3. Cleanse and Soothe a Wound – Many tattoo artists use witch hazel to cleanse a new tattoo. This is because it cleanses the skin of germs and bacteria. It also soothes inflammation. It can be used to sooth grazes big and small.

4. Refresh Skin – My favorite use for witch hazel is as a simple skin refresher, especially in the summer. My skin tends to get oily, especially after spending a day in the heat. You can soak a cotton pad with witch hazel and cleanse your face.

5. Refine Pores – Astringents are known to "tighten," which can apply to pores too. Witch hazel is a great way to tighten up large pores.

6. Lock in Moisture – Although witch hazel does remove oils from your skin, it will not dry it out like other astringents.

When you use witch hazel right after a shower it will help seal in moisture, which is perfect if you have dry skin in the winter.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Comedian Bill Cosby faces several allegations of rape

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

By now it seems that everyone has heard, or rather not heard, Bill Cosby's moments of silence on the air on National Public Radio (NPR).

NPR's broadcast on November 15 had been hosted by Bill Cosby and his wife Camille, and NPR host Scott Simon talking about how he had loaned 62 pieces of African art on exhibition in Washington D.C.

The comedian was asked if he had any comments to make about sexual allegations made in a standup routine by Hannibal Buress, who called Cosby a rapist.

Cosby shook his head and there was about six seconds of dead air on the radio.

The interview ended there.

NPR reported on Monday that, "Those allegations resurfaced in recent weeks. In a column published Friday in The Washington Post, Barbara Bowman, who in 1985 was a 17-year-old aspiring actress on the Cosby Show, says the comic actor 'brainwashed me into viewing him as a father figure, and then assaulted me multiple times.'"

Cosby was never charged with the assault, and in 2006 Bowman and Cosby's encounters were settled.

Now 19 women, all of status, are accusing Cosby of similar crimes.

Most of the women have said that (mostly in the 1980's) Cosby promised the women, who were in there teens and twenties at the time, and their families some kind of protection either financially or through the support of a role.

After being introduced, they would drink a spiked drink, usually wine, in which they have a faint memory and assault right after.

Jewel Allison, who came out with an allegation on November 25 said, "We may be looking at America's greatest serial rapist that ever got away with this for the longest amount of time," she continued, "he got away with it because he was hiding behind the image of Cliff Huxtable."

Many people across the nation are shocked that the allegations may be true and that they lost a figure to look up to as well as one of their favorite comedians.

Seth Rogan appeared on Real Time with Bill Maher and commented that he did not want it to be true, but in his field of work (comedy) it had been a cynical joke that had truthful undertones concerning it.

He wondered why people didn't look more into it.

Both Maher and Rogan said that it was likely that women were able to come out and speak about the alleged assaults because of the way that people have begun to look at rape in a progressive way.

That is, less people are blaming the victim and looking at the accused.

The victim is no longer punished in society for wearing the wrong thing or having a drink, the accused is questioned for motives.

Rogan also continued that the American public was shocked and almost disrespected that Cosby had literally nothing to say.

Since the allegations have come up, the 77 year old has had numerous cancellations for his comedy routine, including Las Vegas.

Television programs featuring the Cosby show such as Lifetime and Netflix have cancelled the show for the holiday specials.

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8 - 10 a.m.		"Commuter Radio" with Luis Arzola	"Owls on the Air" with Michael 'Buster' McMahon	"Mornings with Mayor Dan" with Mayor Dan Knapik	"Sports Talk and Office Hours" with Patrick Berry		"Wayne's World of Music and Memories" with Wayne Smith
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12 - 2 p.m.	"Synthpop and Nonsense" with Sam Doe and Not-Max	Matt Sturdevant	"Owls Sports Show" with Anthony Swanson & Devin Bates		"Listening to the Left" with Erika Hayden	"The Escape" w/ Justin Fernandes	"EDogg 413's Bow Down Throwback Jamz" with Emmett Witherspoon
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2. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
3. Take Me To Church - Hozier
4. Animals - Maroon 5
5. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
6. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
7. I'm Not The Only One - Sam Smith
8. Jealous - Nick Jonas
9. Love Me Harder - Ariana Grande & The Weekend
10. Don't - Ed Sheeran

top 10 albums

1. FOUR - One Direction
2. 1989 - Taylor Swift
3. That's Christmas To Me - Pentatonix
4. No Fixed Address - Nickelback
5. Man Against Machine - Garth Brooks
6. The Endless River - Pink Floyd
7. Sonic Highways - Foo Fighters
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6. Dumb and Dumber To
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9. Birdman
10. St. Vincent

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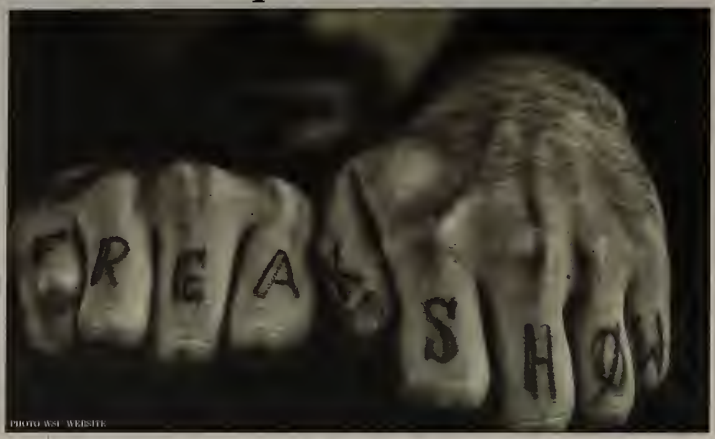
Westfield State Student Theatre Association presents 'Freak Show'



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Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

From Dec. 4 through Dec. 6, the Student Theater Association has transformed the Black Box Theater into another world, one of a freak show. With the help of a fantastic and thoroughly believable cast, director Damian Ladd has created a show that will transport audiences somewhere very far from Westfield State.

Freakshow, written by Carson Kreitzer, is a play that focuses on a troupe of freak show performers around the turn of the century and deals with issues of sexual restraint and control, the struggle between naivety and truth, and the sense of community and belonging.

The show starts off with a beautiful dance sequence done by Jennifer Guimond, a very unexpected way to begin the show. This start gave me the distinct impression that no matter how hard I tried to guess, I was not going to be able to predict what was about to happen.

That was the one prediction I got correct throughout the entire show.

The next thing we hear is a very racy monologue from Amalia, a beautiful woman born with no arms or legs, played by Hannah Clifford. Clifford shows amazing endurance on a pedestal, sitting up straight with her arms tied behind her back for the entire length of the show, with no break at all.

Not only does Clifford maintain her composure for the entire show, but also her entire persona is consistent and strong throughout. Clifford, as the beautiful star of the show who everyone lusts after, commands the stage and controls all the characters without moving a muscle the entire performance, a very impressive feat.

Endurance was something admirable by several characters throughout the production. Johnny Gordon, who played The Pinhead, also remained on the stage for the entire show and never broke character for a moment. Both he and Kaven Matyczynski, who played The Human Salamander, had distinct and strong physicality that never wavered. Matyczynski in particular had to mime the walls of a water tank his character lived in while keeping character and blocking consistently, something he did very effectively.

The plot of the play, although meandering at times, was not truly the focus: the character development was the gem of this show. Each actor had intense energy and character that was never let down, and pushed the envelope with ths extreme and animalistic quality to the play.

Although I did not have the pleasurs to see the production in its final stages of technical completion, I did get to see the basic set for the show. The set is organized in an enclosed fashion, so that the community between the freak show performers is evident; this set up illuminated one of the main themes of the show, community and belonging, very effectively.

Overall, the themes of the show were conveyed very subtly and successfully. Mr. Flip, the manipulative ringleader played by Ryan Cashman, was a cynical symbol for the realistically gritty nature of life.

I noticed he was usually found eating an apple, generally used as a symbol for knowledge and truth; subtle touches like this easily conveyed the core themes of tbe play to the audience and elevated the meaning of every line and gesture far from a superficial level.

Freakshow was a devilishly delightful piece of theater to watch, with strong performances by all actors and clever and effortless blocking and thematic touches done by director Damian Ladd. Each actor or actrsss was so truly immersed in their character that the whole aura of the Black Box was totally transformed, and it was impossible to simply see college students putting on a play.

Due to the darker themes of the show, many of them heing of a strongly sexual nature, this is not a show I would suggest bringing children to; however, I think the high energy of the show and the psrverse and even tahoo themes are perfect for college audiences, and I highly suggest everyone reading to attend for a jolting and thought provoking experience.

Freakshow will run from Dec. 4 until Dec. 6 with performances at 8 PM each night in the Black Box Theater on the second floor of Ely. There will also be one matinee show on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2:30 PM. Tickets for the show can he purchased at the door.

ALBUM REVIEW

Eminem's Shady XV is a solid effort

Devin Bates
Voice Reporter

In most professions, age is the ultimate judicial force in determining who can get the job done. It is no different in the world of hip-hop music, where the young talent sells the most records and gets the most attention. With a world that is looking for something new all the time, it is hard to have staying power in a genre as fluctuating as hip-hop. So, how has Eminem done it? Perhaps his status as the first white rhymer to sell big numbers or the way in which he offends people and does not seem to care has something to do with it.

Whatever it is, he has still got it, and on Shady XV he is calling people out and insulting them like it is 2000 again. Shady XV, a compilation album featuring artists from the label, is quite Eminem-heavy, with the rapper featuring in 9 out of 13 songs. Overall, the album is just under an hour of raw rap that showcases the artists' strengths but also highlights several weaknesses, particularly in Eminem.

Eminem's wordplay and flow is at its peak on the introduction, which features Eminem once again rapping over a Billy Squire track; you would hear your dad jamming to while he does yard work. It is a wonderful showcase of the rapper's wild ability to create long strings of rhymes and serves as a great introduction. If there is one thing about Eminem that has remained intact throughout his entire career it is his intricate wordplay. In the past few years, Eminem has used almost too much wordplay, and sometimes it can be hard to really focus and enjoy what you are listening to.

In Eminem's last album, The Marshall Mathers LP 2, is the corny line, "I feel like I'm trapped in an animal shelter, with all these pet peeves," and we hear another similarly eye-rolling line in this cut, "It's like I'm at a boxing gym, with all these trainers." Ever since he came back from his hiatus, Eminem has been known to slip a few of those in his albums.

The next song, "Psychopath Killer," is another showcase of raw rapping talent; however, it also further shows a weakness in Eminem's label, Shady Records; it is very cliché. Slaughterhouse is a highly skilled rap group, but they struggle with finding creative ways to show their skill. More often than not, their songs end up consisting of the group rapping about how great they are, and while they put out great music, it is often bland. As for Eminem, in his past two releases, he has enhanced the quality of his material while sacrificing the maturity of his lyrics.

Recovery was largely a coming-of-age album, following a man who has lived through a rough experience and came out as an adult. In his recent attempts to rekindle the angry fire of his youth, he has lost that conscious style of rap. In the track "Vegas," Eminem almost exclusively raps about abusing women, and even mocks the death of Robin Williams.

The rapper has recently received negative attention for sexually abusive lyrics directed at female popstars, and this is a combination of the world we live in and Eminem's age. With Eminem, we have a 43-year-old dad still giving the middle finger to the world and not changing. Perhaps that is why some people love him, but the opposition is growing stronger.

New rappers, such as Macklemore, spread a positive message and are now popular, whereas before, rap was a breeding ground for violent music. Misogyny has always been prevalent in rap, but the in-your-face way in which Eminem discusses it grabs attention.

The three songs that give the album a voice and purpose are "Guts Over Fear," "Fine Line," and "Detroit vs. Everybody." Here we see a more mature Eminem, reflecting on his career and hinting at a possible end on the horizon. This can be seen in the song "Guts Over Fear," featuring Sia, which shows Eminem's battles through his life and has a finalizing feel to it.

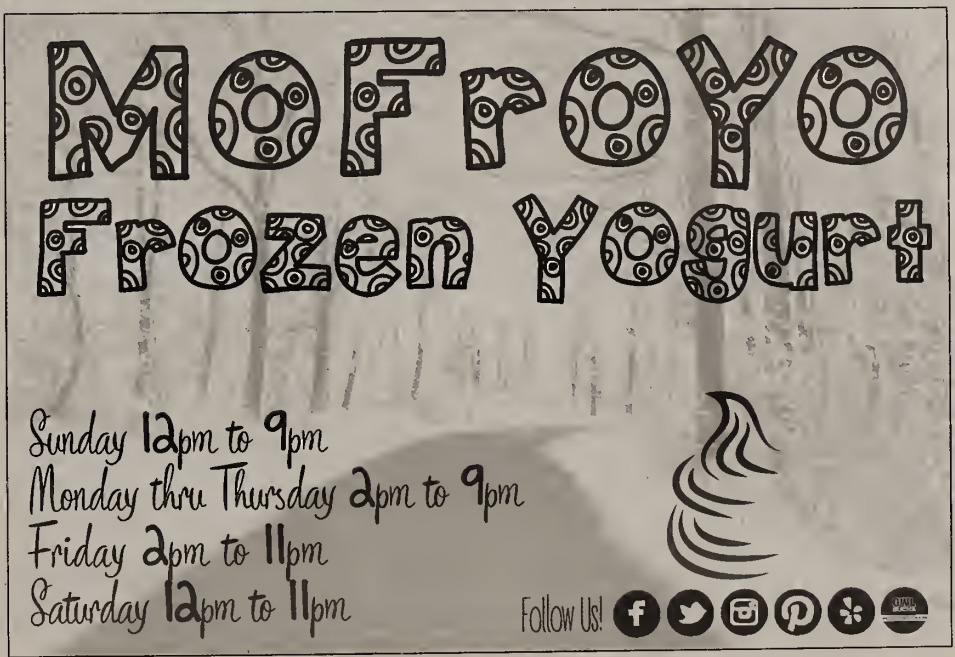
"Detroit vs. Everybody" is an anthem-like track that is assisted by longtime friends Royce Da 5'9", Big Sean, and Danny Brown. It was refreshing to hear Eminem alongside the two younger rappers, and I would like to see more of that in the future.

Royce quietly had one of the best verses on the album, showing he is next in line to Eminem in Shady Records when it comes to skill. "Fine Line" is an excellent self-reflection track and would have fit in nicely on his last album.

THE FINAL VERDICT

"Shady XV (Introduction)" 9/10, "Psychopath Killer" 7/10, "Die Alone" 6/10, "Vegas" 6/10, "Y'all Ready Know" 8/10, "Guts Over Fear" 9/10, "Down" 8/10, "Banc" 6/10, "Fine Line" 8/10, "Twisted" 8/10, "Right For Me" 7/10, "Detroit vs. Everybody" 9/10, "Until it's Gone" 7/10

ALBUM: 7/10. Shady XV is a split between good and questionable material, but the good outweighs the bad. The main point is that Eminem may inevitably be running out of things to talk about.



KNOWING TO COOK

The post-holiday dilemma: leftovers

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Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

With the passing of Thanksgiving, we have officially entered the winter holiday season; although, some large conglomerates thought the season started the day after Halloween.

During this time of seasonal and holiday transition, everyone seems to have varying traditions as to how they cope with seasonal change and celebrate the holidays.

However, as we all know, there is one universal burden that weighs on the shoulders of every family after the holiday season has ended. And that burden, my friends, is leftovers.

In terms of what to do with your holiday leftovers, there are two options: you can simply re-heat the leftovers and serve them the exact same way they were served when you ate them originally, or you can get creative. So, rather than viewing leftovers as a burden, which in mass quantities can certainly seem overwhelming, we should instead view them as an opportunity.

When it comes to an overstocked refrigerator, the options before you are endless, provided you know what to do.

In keeping with the holiday theme this week, let us imagine the scenario of the post-Thanksgiving refrigerator. The shelves are loaded.

The meat and carcass of the turkey you shared with your family rests on the bottom shelf, while the vegetables, gravy, and stuffing meet in congress on the middle shelf, and the cranberry sauce is left alone on the top shelf with nothing to do but ponder the deep questions of the universe.

The rest of the ingredients in your fridge gaze at you, begging you to use them in a new and creative way. But what are you to do with them?

You can use the meat from the turkey, along with the stuffing and philosophical cranberry sauce to make an amazing turkey sandwich (the recipe for which will be provided at the end of this column).

The turkey carcass can be boiled in a large pot with onions, carrots, celery, turnips, leeks, and parsley to create a beautiful base stock for turkey soup.

Turkey Pot Pies can be made with the turkey meat, vegetables, gravy, and a simple pastry crust. Or you could just be old-fashioned and reheat you meal, an option that is absolutely acceptable due to the fact that your meal was so fantastic to begin with.

Those are just four excellent options for what to do with your leftovers; there are many more. However, the scenario I have given you above is incredibly adaptable. Ideas for what to do with more complex meals, such as ravioli or chicken curry, are a bit more difficult to think of.

You could always use the ingredients you have stocked to make a different type of sauce to serve atop the ravioli or you could make a chicken curry sandwich, but the amount of options dwindle when more specific ingredients are involved.

With those meals, I suggest just re-heating them and enjoying them for what they are. It is boring, I know, but if you are out of ideas, re-heating is your best and easiest option.

I always enjoy being creative, and there are so many things you can do with your leftovers, but there is honestly no shame in taking the easy route. The great thing about leftovers is that you usually do not have to make anything from scratch.

Leftovers are great to just grab and have as they were, or to put a twist on, but for the majority of people in this country and probably on this campus, it is much faster and easier to just grab and go.

Now, I do not strictly adhere to the philosophy of grab and go, but I understand that there is not always enough time to make every meal from scratch. This semester, I have even found myself too busy or worn out to cook every weekend.

Thankfully, there is a plethora of excellent and healthy products on the market today that serve the grab-and-go mindset. Still, I prefer to start from scratch.

As always, I implore you, my wonderful and loyal readers, to stop and think about what you can do with the ingredients in your cabinet or refrigerator. Even after the holidays are over and we are all exhausted and refueling from extensive celebration, I wholeheartedly suggest that you try something new with your leftovers.

Who knows? You may create a new holiday staple for yourself. I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the holidays to come!

Enjoy this recipe for the Post-Thanksgiving Sandwich!

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

POST-THANKSGIVING SANDWICH

Ingredients:
- Turkey meat, white or dark
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mayonnaise (optional)
- Cranberry Walnut

Bread or any good bread you have around.

- Salt & Pepper

Instructions:
1. Spread mayonnaise and cranberry sauce on two slices of bread.
2. Take a spoonful of stuffing and spread it over the piece of bread you've chosen as your base.
3. Lay the turkey meat over the stuffing and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
4. Take the second piece of bread, place it on top, slice on the diagonal, and enjoy.

owls athletics

Men's Ice Hockey

Men's Ice Hockey off to a great start!

PHOTO BY BRIAN WEST/ATHLETIC PHOTOBUFF

Senior forward, Frank Zuccaro scored the game winning goal for the Owls in their game against Fitchburg State. Zuccaro has 49 points on the season thus far and leads the team with six goals in the eight games this season.

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Men's Ice Hockey team is off to one of their best starts over after going 6-2 after their recent victory over Franklin Pierce on November 25th.

The Owls are 3-1 in MASCAC play, good for second place in the conference, only behind Plymouth State, who posts a 3-0-1 record in the conference. The Owls' only loss came against UMass-Dartmouth, in which they were defeated 5-4. All of their losses have been by one goal.

Since their win against Framingham State in the home opener, the Owls went on to beat Salem State 6-1 and Fitchburg State 2-1 in critical conference matchups. Junior forward Dalton Jay scored the first hat trick of the season for the Owls in the win against Salem. Senior forward Frank Zuccaro scored the game-winning goal with 11:34 left in the Fitchburg game to win it for Westfield.

Jay leads the Owls' offense this season, scoring five goals and adding six assists while playing in all eight games this season. Zuccaro is second behind Jay, scoring six goals and adding three assists. He also played in all eight games this season. Zuccaro is also the leading scorer for the Owls, with six goals thus far. Jay and sophomore forward Maxime Richard are tied for second, with each of them scoring five goals this season.

Jackson Leef, the freshman standout from last year, is not making too much noise this season in terms of goal scoring, only scoring one goal through all eight games, but he adds five assists, which is second-best on the team behind Jay.

On the goaltending side, senior Ian Perrier has stopped 222 of 238 shots, good for a .933 save percentage, and has a Goals Allowed Average of 2.28 in 7 games played this season. Sophomore Jonatban LoParco started a game this season and looked good in the one outing, stopping 37 of 38 shots.

The Owls had a mediocre season last year, finishing 12-14-1 overall with a 10-7-1 conference record. They lost eight seniors, including their leading scorer from last year, Vince Perreault. The Owls look to flip the script this year.

Looking ahead, the Owls have three straight home games to wrap up the semester, two of which are conference matchups. They play Worcester State on Thursday before playing Plymouth State Saturday, December 6th in a battle of first place in the conference. Then they play a non-conference game against Stonehill College on Wednesday December 11th, before the semester ends.

During the winter break, they will play Becker College at home January 7th, Framingham State again January 10th on the road, Southern New Hampshire January 13th at home, and Salem State once again on January 15th on the road. The spring semester starts on January 20th, in which the Owls play a home game against Fitchburg State two days after that.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, November 20th
M Ice Hockey at Fitchburg State W 2-1

Saturday, November 22nd
W Swimming vs Smith College L 15-172
M BBall at Emmanuel W 81-69
M Ice Hockey at UMass Dartmouth L 4-5
W BBall vs Wellesley College L 47-56

Sunday, November 23rd
W BBall vs MIT L 56-65

Tuesday, November 25th
W BBall at Mt. Holyoke College W 71-59
M Ice Hockey at Franklin Pierce W 5-2
M BBall at WNEU W 78-61

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, December 4th
W BBall vs Lasell 5:30 p.m.
M BBall vs Wesleyan 7:30 p.m.
M Ice Hockey vs Worcester State 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, December 6th
W Swimming vs LEC Championship 11:00 a.m.
W BBall at Rivier University 1:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey vs Plymouth State 5:35 p.m.
M/W Track Sprinfield College Invite

Tuesday, December 9th
W BBall vs Smith College 7:00 p.m.

Wedsday, December 10th
M BBall at Springfield 7:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey vs Stonehill

Fall Intramural Standings

AS OF WEDNESDAY NOV. 19

Volleyball:
1st: Hit It and Quit It
2nd: Well Hung Drywallers
3rd: You Lift Bro
4th: OGBC
5th: X
6th: Space Monkey Mafia
7th: Carpet Cleaners
8th: Premature Shooters
9th: Bangerz
10th: Bombsquad
11th: I'd Hit That
12th: Spacing Off
13th: Free Agents
14th: One-Hit Wonders

Soccer Men's Highly Skilled:
1st: Slick Rick Soccer Academy
2nd: Simply Nasty
3rd: Rocket Power
4th: 413 Boys
5th: Bucks
6th: Realcoholics
7th: Worm Burners FC
8th: Win or Lose We Still Booze

Soccer Men's Skilled:
East League:
1st: Blue Barracudas
2nd: To Be Determined
3rd: Jeager Program FC
4th: Inter Yer Sister
5th: Here For The Beer
6th: Space Monkey Mafia
7th: Moose & the Boys
8th: OGBC
West League:
Tied for 1st: Octopuss C's and Bustin' Bruins
2nd: Premature Shooters
3rd: Scanlon Sloots
4th: Below Average Andy's
5th: Hardly Athletic
6th: Back That Pass Up

Soccer Women's:
1st: Franzia-United
2nd: Bend It Like Beckham
3rd: Hooters
4th: Juggling Your Balls
5th: Spirit Animals, Shin Splints, and Lady Killas

Highly Skilled 5v5 Basketball:
1st: Splash Bros
2nd: HYFR
3rd: High Flyers
4th: ZNKJ
5th: Los Minions
6th: Touchdown My Pants
7th: Cunning Stunts

Skilled 5v5 BaskethaII:
1st: Moose & the Boys
2nd: Heart over heigh
3rd: Hit it & quit it
4th: OKD
5th: Bucks
6th: The Legends
7th: 69ers
8th: The White Mambas
9th: Space Monkey Mafia
10th: You Lift Bro
11th: O-76er's
12th: Stanley Park Trail Blazers
13th: Octopuss c's
14th: Little Giants
15th: Dirty Tim & The Boys
16th: OGBC
17th: Delly Meat

Scalabrine remains relevant in NBA despite retirement

Scalabrine made an easy transition to media after basketball because of his personality on and off the court.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

A player who averaged 6.3 points, 1.6 assists, and 4.5 rebounds in his best days normally doesn't receive the amount of attention that Brian Scalabrine has received throughout his career. Since his abrupt end to a long career, Scalabrine has continued to make a lasting and positive impact in the NBA.

The New Jersey Nets, with the 34th overall pick, drafted Scalabrine out of USC in 2001. In Scalabrine's first four seasons with the Nets, he reacbed the playoffs every year, including two Finals appearances, losing both times. The following year he signed with the hometown Celtics where he would find his new identity.

Believe it or not, Scalabrine's court prowess wasn't what made him so popular in Boston. In his first two seasons with Boston, the Celtics missed the playoffs with a losing record.

Most of the minutes he saw were coming off of the bench for short periods of time. Celtics fans quickly took a liking to Scalabrine for a wide array of reasons.

Initially, fans didn't have a lot to cheer for in the first two seasons he played in Boston. Being a backup power forward throughout his career as a Celtic, Scalabrine saw limited playing time and had a hard time captivating fans.

However, as his role for the Ceitics became more apparent, so did his popularity. He strived to be a role model for his younger fans who fell in love with his persona, heing the 6 foot 9" Italian and Irish sensation he was.

He didn't have the pressure of being a star; Anything positive he does on the court fans go crazy for, and anything had he does fans just laugh off because they don't exactly have sky high expectations for him. Scalabrine is a perfect example of a fan favorite type player. He wasn't the best player on the team, but he was someone who the crowd goes crazy for when be scores or even enters the game because of the passion and demeanor he has on the court.

Scalabrine made the community his spotlight. To go along with tbe many charity events and vcluntеer events he participated in, his most famous public appearances were as a frequent guest on the Toucher and Rich sports radio sbow.

Around the time of the All-Star Break in 2010, Scalabrine famously made a wager with the radio hosts that if Scalabrine received 250,000 votes for the All-Star Game, he would be given a spray tan live on air. After winning the bet, Scalabrine held true to his word and he was given a spray tan live on the show.

In 2013, Toucher and Rich put on the "Scallenge", in which local people sent in video résumés of their basketball skills. Scalabrine took on the four best players and challenged them to a one on one match, easily winning against each opponent he faced.

After winning a championship in 2008 and another Finals appearance two years later, Scalabrine left his Boston faithful to sign with Chicago, where he would play the remainder of his career.

After finishing his playing career off in Chicago, he became an assistant for the Golden State Warriors. He liked the opportunity but thougbt he would try his hand at something different.

Some may say LeBron James coming "home" to Cleveland was the major event of the offseason, but Scalabrine showed his appreciation for bis fans by writing an elegantly, poetic piece on his return to Boston.

This year, Scalabrine is continuing to work with Comcast SportsNet doing color commentary for 30 away games and in studio analysis when he's not on the road. Scalabrine is expected to take the legendary Tommy Heinsohn role when Heinsohn decides to call it quits.

With Scal moving into his role, it will take time weaning ourselves off the historic calls of Heinsohn. Tbe legend of Scalabrine lives on in Boston and appears to continue for a while.

#2 Amherst turns to bench scoring in win over Westfield

WSU Athletic Department

Three Jeffs scored in double-figures as the second-ranked Amherst College men's basketball team defeated non-conference opponent Westfield State Tuesday night, 78-67.

Witb the win, the Jeffs improve to 4-0 on the year and 3-0 at home. The Owls to 5-3 overall.

Westfield was led by four players in double-digit scoring. Grant Cooper went 7-of-12 from the floor for a game-high 18 points and pulled in eight hoards. Jesus Sanchez scored 14, and Dan Tessier and Andre King added 11 each.

Connor Green led Amherst with 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds while blocking four shots. Johnny McCarthy finished with 10 points on 5-of-11 shooting and Jayde Dawson added 10. David George pulled in a game-high 10 rebounds and Reid Berman dished out a game-high five assists.

Both teams came out hot from downtown to open the game as Green put Amherst ahead 3-0 at the 19:02 mark. Three minutes later, King hit one from behind-the-arc to give the visitor's their first lead of the game, ahead 6-3.

King's three sparked a series of five straight from both teams as Dawson put Amherst back up, 9-6. However, Westfield State hit back-to-back to regain an edge.

At the 8:15 mark, Cooper got fouled on a lay-up hut missed the free throw. On the Owls next possession, he went back to the line and hit 1-of-2 to give the visitors their largest lead of the game, 19-14. However, it was short-lived as Michael Riopel '18 hit a three-pointer nine seconds later, and Eric Conklin '17 registered a lay-up on the Jeffs ensuing possession to knot the game at 19.

Following a Westfield State turnover, Berman found Conklin down low as the sophomore gave the Jeffs their first lead since the 14:52 mark. Just over two minutes later, McCarthy knocked down a three-pointer to increase the lead to eight as Amherst eventually went into the break with a 33-28 lead.

The Jeffs maintained the lead early in the second half and at the 15:04 mark, McCarthy grabbed a rehound, drove the length of the court, and hit a pretty floater in the lane to give Amherst its first double-digit lead of the game, up 44-34.

After a Jeff miss, Rohhy Jones quickly hrought the ball down the court and pulled up from inside the paint to hit the jumper, cutting the deficit to six with 9:09 remaining in regulation. On the following possession, the Owls forced a turnover and a foul as Jones went to the line and hit two as Westfield State trailed, 50-46.

After a McCarthy hlock, the Jeffs came right back down the court as Green drove to the lane and dished it to a cutting Conklin as he laid it up. However, the Owls connected on back-to-back and-one opportunities as the home team held a 54-52 lead with 6:54 to go.

After connecting on yet another and-one, tbe visitor's cut the deficit to one 30 seconds later. However, back-to-back three-pointers by Riopel and Green with less than five to play pulled Amherst ahead by seven.

Sophomore Jesus Sanchez makes a pass to a teammate in the Owls recent game against #2 Amherst. The Owls were not able to get any support from the bench, being outscored 12-0 in the first half and 28-11 overall

College Football Playoff committee off to strong start

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

College football's postseason problems were said to be over following the creation of the playoff system, which is in its inaugural year this season. But with Conference Championships just around the corner, several teams remain in legitimate contention for a spot in the four team playoff.

The top six teams right now are Alabama, Florida State, Oregon, TCU, Ohio State and Baylor. Florida State remains the last undefeated team while the others reside with just one loss. Conference championship games and other remaining games stand in the way, only four can make it, posing the question, which ones will it be?

Alabama took down longstanding rival Auburn last week in the Iron Bowl, getting a swift and jus revenge following their bitter loss last year. The Crimson Tide, led by Nick Saban, are nearly unstoppable this season, suffering their only loss to a Top 10 Ole Miss squad. But the Tide draw Missouri in the SEC Title game, which is no easy test. Sims to Cooper has easily been the best QB to WR combo in the game this year, and the Tide love that they are hitting their stride this late in the year.

Florida State, led by Jameis Winston, has escaped defeat multiple times this season. The Seminoles get set to take on Georgia Tech in the ACC title game. This could be the stinger that knocks them out.

If Jameis has some magic left in him and can pull off another undefeated season, expect Winston to declare for the NFL Draft after this season.

The Oregon Ducks have arguably the best offense in college football. Marcus Mariota headlines the Heisman race as we speak, throwing for an impressive 3,470 yards with 34 TDs and a mere two INTs. For the Conference Championship, the Ducks will be matched up against Arizona in the Pac-12 title game, who clinched the Pac 12 South following their win over Arizona State. Arizona is the only team to defeat the Ducks this season.

Ohio State is a team that could hobble into the playoff. But without QB JT Barrett, the Buckeyes could be in trouble, especially against Wisconsin, who touts the best RB in the game in Melvin Gordon. The battle against Wisconsin will be for the Big Ten title.

TCU and Trevone Boykin could be undefeated right now if it weren't for a pass interference call. The Horned Frogs score at will and show no mercy. They can impress this week when they take on Iowa State.

Baylor and Bryce Petty have been nearly unbeatable this year, with their lone loss coming at the hands of West Virginia. The Bears have an immaculate offense but a suspect defense, garnering an astonishing 49.8 points per game but allowing 20.9 points per game, including 58 against TCU. That defense will be put to the test against offensive power Kansas State and Jake Waters this week.

But could an outsider make it into the final spot? The best bets to sneak into the playoffs are Michigan State and Arizona. If Arizona can pull off another win against Oregon and they could slide right into that final spot.

Ohio State losing JT Barrett hurts them way too much, and Baylor's defense is too much of a liability against Kansas State.

As a result, the top four will likely stay the same as the final week of the regular season comes to a close. The inaugural college football playoff will sure to be entertaining.

Ramirez and Sanchez headline offseason signings

Connor Swan
Voice Reporter

On Tuesday, November 25th, the Red Sox officially announced the signings of what many see as the best two bats in this free agent class as they brought in the prodigal son Hanley Ramirez and 2014 World Series hero Pablo Sandoval. If nothing else, these deals signified a few things, including the end of the fiscally responsible Red Sox era that began with the mega deal with the Dodgers in 2012, and that these two signings are just the tip of the ice berg.

Lets start by taking a look at these two deals, starting with the Kung Fu Panda himself. Sandoval, fresh off of his third World Series win, signed a five year deal for $95 million with a club option for a sixth year.

As it stands, the switch-hitting third baseman projects to produce numbers significantly higher than anything the Red Sox got out of the position last year.

While his regular season numbers are above average at best, it is in the postseason that Sandoval should truly make his money as he has one of the great postseason slashes of all time by hitting .344 with a .389 OBP and an OPS of .935.

Provided that they can get back to the postseason, an October lineup featuring David Ortiz and Sandoval at its heart would be a thrill to watch.

Overall, this should wind up being a pretty good deal for the Sox, both on and off the field. Just don't be alarmed when the panda heads invade Fenway Park.

For myself, the Hanley Ramirez deal is wildly more fascinating than Sandoval's. After signing with Boston for a whopping $20 million a year over four years, one of the largest free agent signings in Red Sox history leaves us full of question marks.

When he's healthy, there is little denying he is one of the better hitters in the game and should be the Red Sox new number three hitter. Unfortunately, he is also a moody head case who is less than ecstatic to return to play after an injury and has been own to often alienate his teammates, but more than anything else, his signing shows the Red Sox have a lot more work to do this offseason.

Looking around the diamond, Hanley has no place on this Red Sox team. His natural positions of shortstop and third base are blocked by a superior glove in Pablo Sandoval and Xander Bogaerts, who the Red Sox hope will be their fixture at the position for years to come. This blockage has led many to believe that Ramirez will be the Red Sox new left fielder, a position he has never played, pushing the incumbent Cespedes to right field or onto another team via a trade.

Assuming Ramirez is here as the new left fielder, the Red Sox should have no choice but to trade a few of their outfielders for pitching. Yoenis Cespedes has made no secret of his desire to test the free agent market after next season, making him an intriguing piece for a team in desperate need of right-handed power, which is a decreasing commodity in today's game.

Mookie Betts is a young prospect on the verge of a breakout season. The Sox have the pieces to go out and acquire pitching with their outfielders, which should hopefully be the plan now that Hanley is in town.

By signing Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez, the Red Sox revamped their offense, killed the fiscal responsibility era and brought into question exactly how they plan on approaching this offseason but one thing is for sure. Hanley and Panda are just the tip of the iceberg and the Red Sox will return to superiority.

Hanley Ramirez was signed as an amateur free agent in 2000 by the Boston Red Sox, but only appeared in two games for the franchise. He was subsequently traded to the Marlins along with other prospects for Josh Beckett and Mike Lowell. He finished second in NL MVP voting in 2009 and became one of the best short stops in baseball. His move to the Dodgers saw his numbers decrease, but a return to Boston may revamp his career.

NFC South: Sleeper Division

Despite all teams having losing records, the NFC South division is not as bad as everyone thinks

Matt Ryan and the Atlanta Falcons are currently leading the NFC South division with a 5-7 record. The only team to make the playoffs in NFL History is the Seattle Seahawks in 2011 with a 7-9 record. That Seattle team went on to defeat the defending champion Saints in the wild card round.

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

It's a little tough to say a division is good when the best team in the division is 5-7. The Atlanta Falcons, who just last season had one of the worst records in the NFL at a disgraceful 4-12, are currently tied with the New Orleans Saints in the worst division in the league (the Falcons currently hold the tiebreaker between the two teams). What many fans fail to see, however, is that the NFC South is better than their teams' records indicate.

The Seattle Seahawks clinched the NFC West in 2012 after going 7-9 during the regular season, but what many critics forget is that the Rams also had one of the hardest schedules that year, playing five teams outside of their division that finished with at least ten wins that year. In this case, the same can be said about the Saints.

This year, the Saints have played every team in the AFC North, who doesn't have a single team with a losing record. On top of that, they've also had to face the Cowboys, who have been nearly unstoppable with MVP candidate DeMarco Murray and Tony Romo, the Lions, who have one of the best defenses in the NFL, and even managed to win against the Packers, who are surely the best team in the NFC as of now.

With that said, it's easy to say that the Saint's schedule has been one of the toughest in the NFL, therefore it's hard to judge them based on their win percentage alone, especially since Drew Brees is second in the league in passing yards and fifth in touchdown passes.

The Falcons have had one hidden but crucial flaw that many teams often suffer from: They're excellent against good teams, but subpar against bad ones. Earlier this season, the Falcons managed a convincing win against the Cardinals, who are 9-3, but have also lost to the Vikings who sit at 5-7. The following week, the Falcons were defeated by the New York Giants as well.

Granted, the Falcons are also 0-3 against AFC South opponents this season, but played well against the Lions and Browns, losing both games by a combined three points. Next week, the Falcons face the Green Bay Packers, followed by the Pittsburgh Steelers the following week.

Don't be surprised if the Falcons pull away with the win, especially since the Falcons defense has been red hot since their bye week, allowing only 19.5 points per game in their last four outings.

The Panthers was one of the most well rounded teams at the start of the season, starting off by winning their first three games of the season. However, the Panthers have been 1-8-1 since then.

The majority of the Panther's woes can be blamed on two key factors: their running game and Cam Newton. Cam Newton has been playing poorly, throwing for only 13 TDs and 11 INTs, and their run game isn't much better.

The main problem with him is that Newton runs the ball instead of sticking to the air, leaving him wide open to hard hits and fewer opportunities to advance the chains. And since their run game isn't much better, it's not hard to imagine why the Panthers fail to score.

Kelvin Benjamin has been a huge addition to the team since being drafted in the first round out of Florida State last year, leading the team in receiving yards with 824 and managing eight TDs thus far.

If Cam Newton could rely on Benjamin more in the air, the Panthers would be able to manage more production on offense.

The Buccaneers have been had this season, but they're a better team than their 2-10 record says. Since their bye in Week 7, rookie Mike Evans has been a huge asset for the Bucs, gaining 632 yards and six TDs in six games. However, the Bucs have been plagued by injuries.

Doug Martin has missed a large portion of the season, missing two of his first three games and three of his last five. Because of this, the Bucs have been unable to use Martin to his fullest extent, which is even more dreadful since the Bucs are a very run-oriented team.

Although it is unlikely Martin will be able to fully recover before week's end, he can still make a huge impact on this offense. With that said, Tampa Bay can still play spoiler for their remaining schedule, especially since they play Detroit and New Orleans to close out the season.

Although every team in the NFC South has a losing record, each team utilizes its own strengths that show that they have the potential to be in serious contention. And with three out of the four teams still in playoff contention, the time is now for each of them to prove their worth.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 - April 20):
The stars report that you've been a very good boy or girl this year! Give it a break. No one likes a goody-two shoes.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Keep the eggnog hidden this year. The stars foresee Uncle Craig forgetting to take his lactate pill again.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
The stars suggest you avoid cutting down your own Christmas tree this year unless you want to pay an arm and a leg for it! Pay for one with money instead.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
This holiday season will end with a Ho-Ho-Hold on your checking account.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Those sweaters you knit for the family every year are the perfect gift. So what if they've never been worn? The whole family has terrible fashion sense.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear. However, the stars suggest you try lip-syncing in the choir this year.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
You've been itching to take a risk and give that special someone a special gift this year. I would advise against it. No one wants a gift from the guy who stares at him or her on the bus every morning.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
You've been added to Santa's naughty list this year, Scorpio. It was definitely worth it.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
The in-laws are planning a surprise trip to your neck of the woods for the holidays! Maybe this should be the year you book that trip to The Bahamas...

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Congratulations! Your significant other has put something very special in a pear tree just for you!

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Your friends have been getting a strong Scrooge-esque vibe from you lately. Good luck with Secret Santa!

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars are paying you no mind, Pisces! Add some excitement to your life or Santa may join them!

games & leisure

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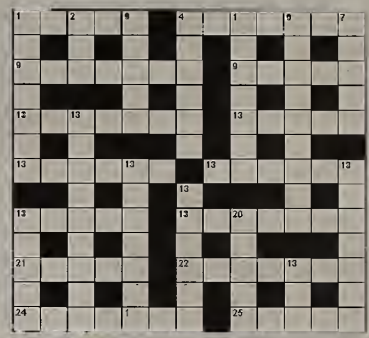

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12. Similar (5)
13. Martial art (4,2)
15. Rigorous (6)
18. Assumed name (5)
19. Accumulated (7)
21. Similar to a giraffe (5)
22. Dizziness (7)
24. Perpetual (7)
25. Book of maps (5)

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3. Supple (5)
4. Plain (6)
5. Fortification (7)
6. Enlarges (9)
7. Astound (5)
11. Consortium (9)
14. Mode (7)
16. Irksome (7)
17. Wonder (6)
18. Repent (5)
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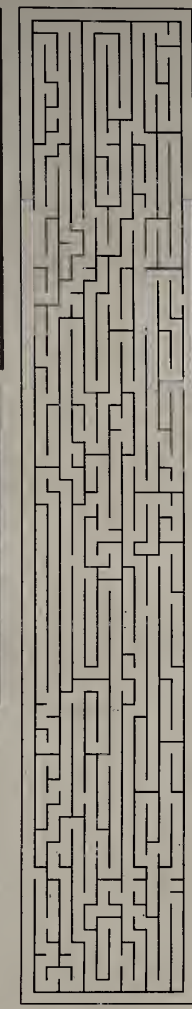

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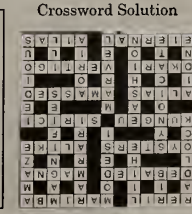

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12/09	7:00 pm	Leadership Voyage Compass Program: Problem Solving	SGA Club Room
12/10	7:00 pm	Gingerbread House Contest!	Owl's Nest
12/10	8:00 pm	CAB Trivia	Owl's Nest
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12/12	4:00 pm	Yoga	Wellness Center
12/12	7:30 pm	Night Owls	Dever Stage
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"No justice, no peace"

Ferguson protests make their way to the Westfield State campus with marches and a 'die-in'

Protests and a die-in swept through the Westfield State campus late last week and this week in response to the grand jury verdicts in the Michael Brown and Eric Garner cases, respectively.

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Two nights of protest demonstrations and a staged "die-in," took place on the Westfield State University main campus in wake of the outcry of protestors across the country against a Missouri grand jury's decision not to indict now-former Officer Darren Wilson, the officer who shot and killed unarmed Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. last summer, along with a New York grand jury's refusal to indict Officer Daniel Pantaleo and his chokehold, caught on video, that resulted in the death of 43-year-old Eric Garner.

The first protest, on a cold Dec. 5, saw more than an estimated 40 students and faculty members joined together in Mod Hall at 5 p.m. to begin their march on the main campus. Simbrit Paskins, a senior at Westfield State, organized and gave most of the instructions to the protesters.

She said herself and seven other students attended a demonstration at the Holyoke Mall where 100 chanting demonstrators marched through mall on the night of Dec. 4. Students from the "Five Colleges," known as Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, Amherst College, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Hampshire College, protested at the mall.

"That demonstration inspired us to have a late-night meeting when we got back on campus. We wanted Westfield to join what the five colleges were doing," she said.

She said the protest is to bring awareness and education to the situation facing the country. "A lot people on campus will say they do not know what's going on and what the protests are about." One of the protestors said it is also to bring the people who feel alone on the issue at Westfield State to create solidarity and give opportunity for those who wish to express themselves.

The march went through the campus and it was conducted in a non-hostile way. Protesters held signs and chanted, "Black lives matter," "They think it's a game, they think it's a joke," "Tell me what democracy looks like; this is what democracy looks like," and "Out of the dorms and into the streets."

They also chanted "Hands up, don't shoot," which is associated with Michael Brown's supposedly last action before being shot, and "I can't breathe," which were Eric Garner's last words as he was in an illegal chokehold.

Students who were outside and saw the march mostly stopped and stared or clapped. Others pulled out their cell phones to film or take a picture; a few students heckled the protestors with other chants and used vulgar language. Students in their residence hall went to their windows to watch, and some closed them. There were a total of four students who joined from the side during the march.

The protestors eventually went in front of the Public Safety Headquarters and ranted on what made them mad about the situation and on racial issues on campus. One protester said that the grand jury system is ignorant to the fact that institutionalized racism is a real issue. Another said they are tired of people coming up with excuses for the deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and other victims, especially those of color by police brutality. "I feel alone and ignored on this campus, because of my color," a protestor said.

The protest ended in front of University Hall where they made a circle and prayed. Paskins said that on

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Nine senior Westfield State students receive President's Award for excellence in leadership

From Press Release

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From left to right: Nicole Godard, Victoria Landry, Sarah Varghese, Elizabeth Cauley, President Elizabeth Preston, Rebecca DiVico, Michael Brett, Angelo Burgos Jr. Not pictured: Beth Teague and Miguel Maria.

Westfield State University (WSU) recognized nine students for their leadership and service to both the university and the community. Each student was recognized with the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership in a ceremony held on Friday, December 5 in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The President's Award of Excellence in Leadership was created in 2007 and can be awarded to any eligible student. A committee comprised of 12 faculty and peers review all applications. To be eligible for the award, students can be nominated by a professor, but all must complete an application process including an essay about the community service they have done and how it has impacted their future goals.

The nine students selected this year are all seniors with an average GPA of 3.62. Each of this year's winners participates in a wide range of on- and off-campus activities.

Criminal justice major Angelo Burgos Jr. '15 of East Hartford, Conn. is a member of the Emergency Medical Service Club (EMS) and the Boxing Club. He serves as chief of the Student Security Unit and as a recruitment mentor for the Urban Education Program. Burgos volunteers monthly a Role Player for the Connecticut Police Cadet Program, and his other community service efforts including as a start ambassador at the Boston Marathon, assisting with Westfield State Accepted Students Day, and helping in the Westfield State University Snowstorm Shelter.

Burgos said his leadership skills blossomed through his role in the Student Security Unit.

"I have helped inspire other members of the unit to want to be a supervisor and give back to the unit," Burgos said. "I have also impacted future members by advocating for the unit through different speaking opportunities and letting students know what we do and how important our unit is for the university."

English and psychology double major Beth Teague '15 of Tyngsboro, Mass. is the vice president of Musical Theatre Guild, the oldest student-run club on campus, and is the founder of the Westfield State Relay for Life Club. Her community service efforts include volunteering at the John Carson Road Race, Bark for Life, and serving as a team captain for Relay for Life for the past seven years.

Through organizing the university's first Relay for Life event, Teague realized that leadership is a collaboration.

"One of the most important things I learned was to ask for help," Teague said. "No good leader does everything by themselves. A good leader works with other leaders to make something amazing happen."

Elementary education and liberal studies double major Elizabeth Cauley '15 of Southampton, Mass. is co-president of the Dance Company, works on campus as a staff development assistant, and assists during New Student and Parent Orientation. Her community service efforts including participating in Relay for Life, the Rays of Hope charity walk, and volunteering at the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Cauley said working as a staff development assistant helped her learn how to balance multiple responsibilities.

"I have discovered that it is important to take care of yourself first and although I might want to put every ounce of myself into everything and gain an experience, I believe it's okay to say 'no' and to delegate to others before experiencing burnout," Cauley said.

Communication and ethnic and gender studies double major Michael Brett '15 of Hanson, Mass. serves as secretary of the Class of 2015 and works as a resident assistant (RA) and peer advisor. His community service efforts include volunteering at the Westfield Samaritan Inn, the Boston Marathon, and The Arbors Assisted Living.

Brett said seeing the impact of his community service encourages him to continue serving.

"Seeing the faces of the people in the community when I volunteer is beautiful," Brett said. "Going to the Arbors to visit the residents, there is a visceral effect as I see their faces light up as college students come in."

Political science and economics double major Miguel Maria '15 of Springfield, Mass. served as an Urban Education student representative and is currently participating in the Washington Center Program internship in Washington DC. His community service efforts include volunteering for Carlos Gonzalez during the 2014 Massachusetts State Representative Race, Ed Markey during the 2013 US Senate Race, and at Reading Partners.

Maria said he enjoyed his work with Reading Partners, an organization that provides one on one tutoring to students who have fallen behind in reading, and seeing his results.

"I was able to see a young student who had a short attention span and was a year and a half below grade level catch up," Maria said. "I actively participated in helping him gain confidence in himself and a deeper love for reading and learning."

English and secondary education double major Nicole Godard '15 of Northfield, Mass. is president of Sigma Tau Delta honor society and a member of the Westfield State University Honors Program. She is part of the Academic Pursuits Club and is a former member of the Quidditch Team. Her community service efforts include volunteering at Rays of Hope, for the National Day on Writing at Westfield State, and through a literacy project at South Middle School.

Godard said that being a good leader includes serving as a role model for others.

"The most effective way to inspire other members to volunteer their time and energy is to lead by example," Godard said. "As Sigma Tau Delta president, I have promised my members that every moment they volunteer of their own time will be matched by a similar commitment on my part."

Psychology major Rebecca DiVico '15 of Belchertown, Mass. serves as president of Student Government Association (SGA) and is a member of the Student Advisory Council. Her community service efforts include volunteering at the American Red Cross Blood Drive, the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk, and "From Tween to Teen: Girls' Group," an art therapy group for adolescent girls.

DiVico said her leadership skills blossomed through SGA and she does all that she can to give back to Westfield State.

"Everything that I do outside of my academics is for the students of this campus," DiVico said. "I am aware that what I am doing is not to better myself, but to benefit my peers who are a part of the Westfield State community. This university has done more for me than it will ever know and if I can help its students even in the smallest way, I can graduate in May proud of myself."

Communication major Victoria Landry '15 of Milford, Mass. is president of Lambda Pi Eta honor society and a member of Student Government Association, 2015 Class Council, and the Neighborhood Advisory Board. Her community service efforts include volunteering at Special Olympics Massachusetts, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership organization, and HOOT Day.

Landry said that her involvement in the Neighborhood Advisory Board help solidify her leadership skills, especially after receiving positive feedback from a student after a meeting.

"Her words were the biggest acknowledgement I received about this program," Landry said. "It reminded me that my efforts as a student leader have made a difference on this campus and in the community. Remaining dedicated to this institution for the last three years has developed my skills as a leader to remain a positive role model who is open-minded and speaks firmly."

Elementary Education major Sarah Varghese '15 of Westford, Mass. is a resident assistant and president of Student Ambassadors, a group of Westfield State students who knowledgeably promote the positive images of the university through leadership and interpersonal relations. Her community service efforts include volunteering monthly at the Samaritan Inn and weekly through the Compass Mentor Program.

Varghese said the key to being a successful leader is balancing responsibilities, which she learned while serving as a Team Captain for Parent Orientation.

"No matter what role I have, it is my responsibility to prioritize and find a balance between my job and being a friend," Varghese said. "I have grown as a leader and an individual from this experience and have continued to apply the lessons learned in other roles as a student leader."

The students were awarded at a dinner banquet and were presented with plaques designating their honor. For more information about the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership, contact Susan Lamontagne at 572-5425.

campus news & life

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Government Association finishes off a successful semester

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Holiday music, ugly Christmas sweaters, cookies, hot chocolate, and a virtual fire were supplied at the last Student Government Association meeting of the semester. Simone Backstedt, who is a staff assistant for the financial aid office in the Horace Mann center, gave information and strategies to the senators on student loans.

Backstedt said she was on a mission to provide students with some basic financial literacy knowledge to understand their personal financial aid packages and their student loans. She said the average Westfield State graduate would be roughly over $26,000 in debt from both federal and privet loans.

Backstedt said financial aid has been doing recent work in getting students more financially literate. She said the office has hired two work-study students during the fall that act as financial literacy peer leaders. One of the students is a junior and the other a senior and their job is to find out what students want, what they know, and what ways students can be informed that is appropriate.

She also said that the office sent a financial awareness survey hy email and went to students' doors. She said 270 students participated in the survey, and 51% of students indicated that they know their current loan debt. "The other half of students did not know, so we want to get that number a lot higher," she said.

She added that students said they are interested in learning about student loans, credit scores, taxes, and financing graduate school. Students showed no interest in identity theft, Backstedt said. One of the good websites that peer leaders found that gives information about financial aid, she said, is "Cashcourse.org."

Backstedt said next semester is when the office will start promoting the website more and get students' information on it. In addition to the promotion she said there would be a financial literacy frenzy week, and one-on-one meetings for graduating seniors will take place next semester. Beackstedt concluded her talk with what she called "super-fast facts." She said all of students' federal loans would have a six-month grace period before repayments start after graduation and that an assigned loan servicer will be handling your options for paying federal loans. Lastly, she said, a student can learn his or her federal student loan debt by going to www.nslds.ed.gov, which is the national student loan data center.

Katherine Robinson, student athletic council representative, asked Backstedt when the best time would be to schedule a one-on-one meeting for graduating seniors. She answered any time between now and May. "If you wait until after Feb. 15 your spring loans will also he there and it will be the most accurate picture of how much you owe, but whatever works with your schedule is the best," Backstedt said.

After Backstedt was finished, Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, claimed the podium and began her weekly address to the senators. DiVico said that the executive board members went to Walmart and collectively bought $270 worth of toys and toiletries. The items will go to the stuff a cruiser gift drive, which benefits the new beginnings shelters for victims of domestic abuse.

She also announced that pancakes with the president will take place on Jan. 21 at10 a.m. DiVico lastly said goodhye and whished Shannon Cullinane, vice president of programming, and Nikki Primeau, representative to the class of 2016, a great and exciting study abroad trip to Florence, Italy for the spring semester.

After the farewell she thanked all the senators for their work over the semester. "You guys are a great group, I know I never have to worry when speakers come down because you guys always engage yourself in discussions and I hope to continue that in the spring," she said.

Ariana Roche, representative-at-large, gave the Campus Committee on Sustainability report after the madam president. She reported that the campus, from Sep. 1 to Nov. 24, has used 523,000 sheets of paper in the computer labs across campus. This also includes the library, she said. She said the committee is trying to find ways to promote awareness for paper use for the future.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said he hopes all students do not become too stressed out during finals week and announced that new furniture will be added to the lobby of New Hall. He also said that University Hall would be receiving new stronger hooks for the tree coat hangers in the apartments over winter break. Clark also reminded the senators that all residential buildings close on Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. with no exceptions.

Megan Doerle, representative-at-large, gave the Food Committee report saying that Sodexo is hosting a bingo night in the DC on Sunday, Dec. 14 From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. which will include snacks and a peanut butter, jelly, and fluff bar. She said that a Greek yogurt bar would be available for everyone on Dec. 15 during lunch hours. Doerle lastly said that Sodexo would be donating their leftover food before break to the Salvation Army.

Oliva Dumas, vice president of academic life, said if students are struggling with understanding the final examination schedules they can go to the university's website and click on the academic calendar at the top left of the page. From there, she said, there is an option to click on "Day Division Final Exam Schedule" and then another option to click on "fall 2014." Shannon Cullinane said she is going to miss everyone on SGA and wished the best of luck to her replacement Daniel Chamberlain, representative to Courtney Hall. Chamberlain thanked Cullinane and said, "I just want to say thank you Shannon; you put in a lot of hard work this semester and I wish you the best."

At the end of the meeting, during the announcements, DiVico gave a rare executive action to let Cleston Flemming, New Hall president, to give a farewell report to senators. Flemming announced he was graduating at the end of this semester. "It's been fun sitting at those small tables, but my knees cannot take it anymore. I hope everyone has a great trip and I will see you all when I see you," he said. After that the meeting adjourned and SGA senators stayed to have treats and hot chocolate and wish each other a happy holiday and a happy new year. The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Jan. 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Last Monday, hundreds of students, faculty, and staff members participated in a walk-out protest to support the ongoing protests surrounding the grand jury decision not to indict Darren Wilson, the officer who shot 18 year-old Michael Brown in August. A period of silence to remember the teenager was held.

daily orange
Syracuse University

The university's Vice Chancellor, Eric Spina, will step down at the end of the year after eight years at his position. Spina will continue his career with the university as a Trustee Professor. The role of Vice Chancellor will be taken over by the current Dean of the School of Information Studies, Liz Liddy.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard University Police Department has closed its investigation on the recent threatening emails sent to female, Asian American Harvard affiliates. German authorities will now take over, as the sender identified himself as being a resident of Hamburg, Germany. The sender has reportedly apologized for his actions.

Protesters marched their way through campus Dec. 5, chanting "Black lives matter," "No justice, no peace," and the like.

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Wednesday, Dec. 10 there would be another protest with some students from the Five Colleges. She also said she was very pleased on how the first protest went. "I never would have imagined the turnout for this event; it was really empowering and an emotional experience."

The coverage of Wednesday's protest could not be fully covered because of its proximity to this newspaper's publication. Paskins said the Wednesday protest would be in the same spirit as the first one. The difference was the staged "die-in" event at the Dining Commons. The "die-in" honored those who died by police brutality by falling to ground when one of the names of the victims was called.

The number of protestors was close to fourty; they were accompanied by campus police to be let into the D.C. Some faculty members accompanied the protestors, such as Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, who looked on. Public Safety officers were also in the D.C. walking around the area.

The protesters made a circle around the servery area. They also chanted and told emotional stories of how they feel about everything that is going on in the country and on campus regarding race issues.

Most if not all the students kept to themselves getting food and some stopped with their cell phones. Some students looked annoyed trying to find a path to the food line, but no direct hostile contact from students occurred. A few counter protest shouts occurred. A Sodexo employee who wished to remain anonymous said that the protester's message and intensions are good and they were in favor of them, but was worried about them intimidating the students. "My fear is that students who swipe in to eat see this and leave the D.C. without getting food, and that prevents me from doing my job."

Near 5:50 p.m., the protestors left and continued to march outside the campus and the D.C. went back to its usual business. The Sodexo employee said the protest went well and thought the University did a good job monitoring the "die-in."

Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, sent out an email on Dec. 6 saying students have the right to protest freely in accordance with the university's policy and the community must respect all parties in involved.

Rebecca DiVico, SGA president, said in a statement to The Westfield Voice, "I think that it is great that students are willing to stand together for what they believe in."

She added, "Regardless of your views of the situation at hand, the protests have been, to my knowledge, peaceful and within our First Amendment rights. I'm proud of the students that attend Westfield State University."

Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, issued a statement late Wednesday. "I think that this is an issue that is not just on our campus but widespread across our country. I applaud the efforts of the protesters and hope that the campus reflects on their message in a constructive way."

There is no word as to whether there will be another protest before the Winter Break. The protests will continue nationwide and it is important to follow each story carefully.

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have documentation, then the rest are fine as long as they pay their bills. Another story from the same source states that an illegal migrant would "do everything to keep expenses low to nonexistent," which means they would be even less in the public eye in order to avoid spending money.

In the end, it seems that the cost-benefit argument to immigration reform is on the lower side of the spectrum than one would have hoped. This does not even take into account the loss of potential federal funds, which would cause certain federal requirements for service programs to be impossible to meet.

This causes me to draw a conclusion: Proposals are easy to make when talking about the actual policy; however, there is a literal wall that prevents any law from actually emerging from the discussions.

Let me pose a situation. Hypothetically, if we find the funds to support a federal ID card that essentially dictates deportation and immigration regulations, what would happen? Illegal immigrants are coming from every border, every means of transportation, and all parts of the world.

It would cause an international outrage if the United States refused/deported all of the current immigrants that are here; especially those that are sent back to their own countries of origin. We would face major diplomatic penalties and sanctions from the world and human rights organizations.

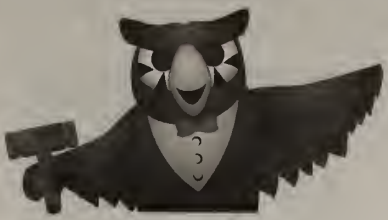
One of the most overlooked cases for illegal immigrations is the fact that some people are fleeing the violence that has erupted in their homes. A New York Times reporter states that "of the 90,000 children (illegal immigrant)... a quarter are from Honduras, trying to escape the violence brought from the 'narcos'(Gang members)".

The reporter also shares that, in a new survey to children, roughly 52-53% of the children are fleeing violence rather than immigrating for economic reasons. We do not have an immigration crisis in most parts of the country... we have a refugee crisis.

As we draw near the end of this part of my immigration opinion, I would like to leave you with a few thoughts: (1) Immigration Policy is easy to talk about but is hard to act on; (2) There are many stereotypes out there that the mainstream media is used to corrupt public information regarding the immigration crisis.

In the next part, I will discuss President Obama's recent policy changes to the current immigration procedures.

This will be the first installment of many on immigration in the United States.



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from the voice vault

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Westfield State hosts bout of the bards

BY DAN WARD
VOICE REPORTER

Ginsberg said of poetry, "It's that time of night, lying in bed, thinking what you really think, making the private world public, that's what the poet does." On Wednesday, September 28th, students from Westfield State, Holyoke Community College, and American International College made their poetry public in a battle of rhyming couplets called the "Poetry Smackdown." The Smackdown amplified the competitive aspect of last year's Poetry Slam series by pitting teams from the three colleges against each other in three rounds of metaphors, similes, and onomatopoetic fisticuffs. Representing Westfield WSC were Leah Kaplan, Adriana Pompeo, and Jess Greeley.

The event brought a horde of eager spectators, some seated on tables, who looked more ready for a wrestling match of the intellect than a night of somber recitation. The poets certainly did their parts to meet the expectations of the audience. After a brief explanation of the goings on of a poetry slam by Prof. Michael Filas, the evening began with Prof. George Layng taking lead as emcee. The judges, Lori Desrosiers, Sou MacMillan, and Stefanie Weber, all professional slam poets, were introduced and Keith Woodman, a WSC Poetry Slam veteran, offered the night's sacrificial poem. In slams, the sacrificial poem is presented as an example of a worthy piece. Woodman's poem, titled "Why I Dream of Water" explored the possibilities of life under sea level. A crowd-pleaser at last year's slams, he pronounced, "The weak walk on land when they could be mighty in water." His aquatic composition gamered scores of 7.0, 7.8, and 7.0 from the judges. And thus, the slam began.

Leah Kaplan rendered her first poem, an ode to coffee addiction with exclamations such as, "Starbucks is my pimp." Heather Crawford, of HCC, followed with a tale of the ennui of falling in love. Suddenly, to the wonderment of the spectators, a spirited Margaret Nicolai of AIC grabbed the mic to showcase her rather boisterous free verse.

-Photo by Cliff Ashbrook

WSC poet, Jess Greeley, performs at the Poetry Smackdown last Wednesday, Sept. 28th.

Whether the setting is the freestyle battle of CAB's Coffee House or the more traditional open-mic night at Jester's Cafe, ultimately a showstopper must arise. In this case, the crowd was offered AIC's Domingo J. Parrott. Parrott let loose a hypnotizing flow of stanzas in a form familiar to fans of Def Poetry, but which others may be apt only to compare to hip-hop. His whirlwind of words told of the shadows of society and as a pause ushered in a round of applause the poet declared, "I'm not done!"

Next up, Adriana Pompeo of WSC tugged at the heartstrings with a sincere soliloquy dedicated to the memory of a track coach. Laura Marcus of HCC followed with a poem about Capitalism, post-9/11 conflicts, and a need for leaders to "communicate their hate." The last WSC poet was Jess Greeley, whose skillful styles graced last year's slams. She offered an observation, "The future is only for those who can afford it." And stated, "They all die in the end, they have to." The line of the night goes to Greeley's "Wait-I'm not dead, I'm waiting for a cure-Disney." The first round came to a very exasperated end with HCC's Nick Chavez.

By the second round, the stirring of the crowd had begun. The poets compelled not only against each other but also against the sounds of Jazzman's smoothies blending away. Highlights include Parrott's line, nearly identical to lyrics from the musical Hair, "I believe in G-O-D, and I believe in me," and Pompe's declaration, "I don't need a God to make me strong!" Mareus offered some "tasteful erotica" which finally woke up the audience with Steve Maher's calling out of a judge. As he put it, "Judge 1 sucks!" Greeley provided the night's first self-aware poem inspired by an episode of "Mr. Bean."

The third and final round began with a poem of the misconceptions of wealth from Kaplan, and saw elevated audience involvement (key to any successful poetry slam) after Nicolai virtually screamed the words "Bull Sh*t!" more than 11 times into the microphone. In response to the judge's scores, Keith Woodman let out his own "Bull Sh*t!"

Finally, the night saw possibly its best poem with Parrott's tale of vengeance and regret in which he asserts, "Anger is a cloud of smoke that's easy to exhale."

After another longwinded poem from Chavez, Greeley offered a favorite from the slam series with her countdown of the aspects of a murder trial. She exclaims, "The higher you hang, the more you learn." If based on individual scores, Greeley would have taken the slam. But alas, after Prof. Glenn Brewster tallied the scores together, WSC would not prove victorious. Top honors went to the team from Holyoke Community College with over 228 total points, American International College taking a close second. Judging from the performance of WSC's poets, I'd say we have a sporting chance in a rematch.

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RD's find new home

By James Fydenkevez

The new school year brings about many new changes to Westfield State College: Freshmen class, a dining facility, co-ed residence hall (Courtney) and new staff members into the Department of Residential Life.

As the result of professional staff in the Department of Residential Life moving on to new positions, the department was short of Residential Directors. However, this past summer four new staff members were hired in Residential Life. These new Residential Directors include Nancy Harvey (Dickinson Hall), Ron Doberty (David Hall), Robin McKolley (Lammers Hall) and Bill Villaneau (Scanlon).

With approximately 1150 students living in these four halls, the position as Residential Director (RD) is a responsible one. An RD is in charge of everything that goes on in their residence hall. These responsibilities include the planning, organization and direction of student activities within their hall, supervising the security, Residential Advisors (RA), the maintenance of the building and the counseling of students.

All the new Rd's are beginners in their positions, but their background in residential life, they feel, is similar to that of an RD.

Some of the educational achievements and work related experiences of the new RD's are:

Nancy Harvey — M.S. in Health Promotion, University of Indiana at Bloomington, B.A. in Zoology and a Minor in Psychology at Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut. She served on various committees while in college which include Alcohol Awareness Committee, Student Social Activities Committee, a Dorm Representative for two and a half years, Class Council Representative for one and half years and during her Senior year in undergraduate school she was a House Fellow (head resident of the dorm), a position that only seniors were able to hold.

Ron Doberty — B.A. in History with a minor in English from Saint Josepb's College, Maine. He stayed at St. Josepb's and was a Residential Advisor for two and half years, Summer Housing Coordinator for two summers and student manager for Marriott Food Services at the college. Doberty plans to obtain a Master's Degree starting next September.

Robin McKolley — M.S. in Exercise Physiology, Springfield College, , B.S. in Physical Education, State University of New York at Brockport. She taught physics labs at Springfield College and was also an ISO (Institutional Security Officer) at Lammers Hall while attending graduate school. She was also an Assistant Program Director at a camp for two summers and has worked at health clubs.

Bill Villaneau — B.A. in History and a Minor in Sociology, Saint Joseph's College. His experience includes being an RA for two and half years while attending college.

All these new young RD's say they are confident that they are capable of doing the job and are happy to be here at Westfield State College. When Villaneau was asked how he likes WSC, he replied, "I like it a lot. The staff is great. The people are friendly and nice." McKolley stated that she loves the town of Westfield. Doberty said that he "could not be happier."

The excited and enthusiastic newcomers to Westfield State College went through a two-week Residential Director program before they assumed their new positions prior to the start of the semester. This program prepares the new RD's to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the position. They learn such things as administrative duties, get an introduction to the campus, the residential life staff and to their residence hall.

Other changes in the Department of Residential Life include the new office, which is now located in Scanlon Hall, and Henry Humphreys has assumed the position as Residential Director of Courtney Hall.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

The troubles surrounding immigration reform

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

Despite the ongoing cultural and ethical debates surrounding our nation's immediate attention, I find myself increasingly more interested in the topic of immigration policy, especially in regards to Latin America. I will not lie, I have just recently written a major topic paper on the subject, and I am dying to just throw myself into the media surrounding the issue.

First, I believe we need to air some baggage I am bringing into this discussion, since I would be silly to believe anyone thinks I am completely neutral on this topic. Simply put, I believe everyone, despite extreme circumstances, should immigrate to the country legally. However, after hours of research I am at the point where I am stonewalled by logistics. Allow me to elaborate.

One of the most prevalent arguments/proposals concerning illegal immigration control is to police the system in which they are most common. Of course, this is a matter of opinion, since an immigrant could be here for anywhere from economic to refugee-like reasons. However, the logistics surrounding these issues are the same across the board. My fellow republicans will have my head for this, but, to put it simply, there is no real way to police this issue effectively both in regards to manpower as well as costs. Let us use the common and probably most appealing "solution" of a nationwide (not the insurance) identification card/document. There obviously is a cost in creating the card as well as maintaining accurate records of the cards and photo identification of the more than 300 million people currently living in the United States. I will not even try to get into the argument against federal identification cards that are not made available for low-income families, but it would have to be offset by some sort of revenue.

Notice the last part in the previous sentence: a cost needs to be offset by some sort of revenue. There is no ethical way for the government to issue a federal ID and charge for the service of the card since it would be a requirement from the government without any sort of desire from the general public (now if it came from a referendum vote across the country then maybe, but that is highly unlikely). There has been a suggestion to issue a federal ID card for voting as well, but many feel as though this is illegal and oppressive to minority groups. In the case of illegal immigration, by definition it would be targeting a minority group.

In 1994, California voted on Proposition 187, which addressed the issue of Illegal Immigration. I look towards the California Voter information on Proposition 187 by the Legislative Analyst that cites many cases in which Proposition 187 "saves" the taxpayers of California millions of dollars. The first case where I will cite the cost benefit of Proposition 187 is in regards to savings on programs. "The state and local governments would realize savings... in the range of $200 million annual..." That is a very steep number in savings, but it also comes at denying services and benefits to people who cannot provide documentation of their citizenship or legal immigration status. This poses an ethical question on the matter: Can we, in the fight to cut down on illegal immigration and budgets, deny services to our neighbors? It is a very loaded question, I know, but it is a question that is raised. How can we simply ignore the possibility that our very neighbors could be undocumented and illegal immigrants? Then there is the $100 million that would be saved in annual state budget by eliminating the prenatal care and elderly assistance programs for illegal immigrants. Again, it is simple to suggest that sort of measure, but it would be very bard morally and ethically to actually impose such measures on other humans.

I fear that despite the millions being saved in denial of services, there is another matter of verification costs. I refer to same source that states the "first-year costs... potentially in excess of $100 million," which shows that the first year alone will cost roughly half the savings in the first year and have an annual cost that could be "in the tens of millions of dollars." This now puts an even greater cost to the verification process, since it simply costs a good amount of money to just verify citizenship, but it would only verify those who are in the public eye like students, parents, people that are arrested, or even those seeking social or heal services. This does not actually verify the citizenship of say, those working in the private sector that are single migrants. It was mentioned that somewhere between "12-14 men live in a single space at a given time" while they are working in the country illegally, which is a problem when we are discussing verification purposes; if one of those men

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Westfield State students protest recent killings

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

The WSU die-in was not held back by the aleet this Wednesday at 4p.m. The March began in Mod-Hall and serpentined around the campus, reaching each dormitory. The march was in response to the unequal treatment hy law-enforcement posed on the black community.

Jon Conologue, executive director of residential life, said in an email, "The march that was held by several University students and employees last Friday afternoon was interrupted by several students yelling inappropriate, ignorant and inflammatory comments from thair residence hall windows. Thia ia behavior unbecoming and unworthy of members of the Westfield State University community."

Last weekend students held a protest after the non-indictment of officers who were responsible for the daath of Michael Brown in Miasouri and Eric Garner in New York. The march and die-in was organized by Simbrit Paskins, a senior majoring in Spanish, Ethnic and Gender Studies, and minoring in communications.

Faculty members accompanied studenta protesting mostly from the ethnic and gender studies department. None could say they saw any mention of the criminal justice faculty beforehand, and none marched along-side faculty. Paskins organized the previous protest and said, "Overall feeling was the best; there was togetherness."

"The purpose of meeting and marching is to reflect solidarity with people across the nation against police brutalities and support families affected by it. Here at Westfield we don't agree with it and we want to change it." Paskins continued, "No one seemed angry enough about it, we wanted to remind people and make them angry enough to make the change."

Protestors were met with negativity by some students, which was later addressed by president Liz Preaton. Preston aaid that students were peacefully protesting and respect muat be tolerated for them.

Conologue said, "I hope each of us will demonstrate the respect and civility toward each other that President Preston emphasized in her message over the weekend. This is the Westfield way; and perhaps wa can provide a positive example in responding to each other with compassion and reason instead of anger and invective."

Aaliyah Mercer, a sophomore said, "It's disappointing that there were two emails regarding the racial slurs. It's disheartening. It's sad."

Protest chanta included: Hands up—Don't Shoot; When Mike Brown got shot—We all got shot; They think it's a game—They think it's a joke; No Justice No Peace—No racist-ass police. There were overwhelming positive remarks from spectators, cheerful whispering, some clapping, and high fiving, hut negative responsea were heard from Davia Hall and Seymour in particular.

At one point, gentlemen living in the complex started playing 'bad hoya' hy Inner Circle from their windows when the protestors gathered in the courtyard. The protestors responded that these were the types of people who love black culture hut hate hlack people.

When asked if they wanted to make a comment, Derek Ditmars, a senior studying communications, said, "It's our peaceful response to a peaceful protest." His roommate Greg Cane chimed in saying, "I actually support the protestors. I hate cops, just not enough to be outside."

Protestors also gathered at the Holyoke Mall laat week, which was downplayed a hit on Masslive.

As I was filling up in the food court, I saw a couple dozen people that were chanting, "The whole damn system is guilty as hell." The protestors peered over each of tha levels of the mall and spectators cheered, clapped, and joined in their chants, along with videoing and photographing the event. It went on for a few minutes hefore it waa diffused, concluding with another round of applause from the food court.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Hydrogen peroxide isn't just a household disinfectant

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

Hydrogen peroxide is a common household disinfectant, and odds are that you have a bottle in your medicine cabinet or under your kitchen sink at home. It is typically used for sanitizing small cuts, but did you know it has many more uses that just a disinfectant?

It can be used in a variety of ways from clearing acne to whitening nails. Hydrogen peroxide is a chemical compound that has the formula H 2O 2 and is the simplest peroxide, which is a compound with an oxygen-oxygen single bond.

In hydrogen peroxide's purist form it is clear and has a viscosity similar to water, and because of its "high-test peroxide," concentrated hydrogen peroxide has been used as a propellant in rocketry; however, the kind you buy in the little brown bottle at drug stores is not what they use to propel rockets.

For consumers, the kinds found in pharmacies have a 3 and 6 wt% concentration. For laboratory use, there is a 30 wt% solution.

Commercial grades can vary from 70% to 98%. While there are many benefits to hydrogen peroxide, large oral doses at a 3% concentration may cause irritation and blistering to the mouth, throat, and abdomen as well as additional complications.

Never swallow any amount of hydrogen peroxide, and if you use it for a mouthwash or teeth whitener make sure to rinse your mouth out with water after.

There are many uses for hydrogen peroxide and you can look up additional uses for this product online. Care2.com has a whole list of uses for this product. Here are a few of my favorite uses that have been useful to me in the past.

1.Red Wine - Combine equal parts hydrogen peroxide and liquid detergent and pour over the stain. Blot with a towel, and wash with warm water, and leave to dry.

2. Sweat Stains - To get rid of armpit stains in clothing, place a mixture of 1 part dishwashing liquid and 2 parts hydrogen peroxide on the stained area. Let it sit for about an hour and then rinse away in cold water.

3. Blood stains - Pour it directly onto the stain and let it sit for about five minutes. Blot and rinse in cold water. You may need to repeat this once or twice to get rid of the stain. Warning: as a (albeit mild) bleach, it can also whiten your clothes, so use with caution.

4. Mouthwash - Dilute in water the mixture should be about half water-half hydrogen peroxide, but I recommend slightly less than half hydrogen peroxide.

Be very careful to not swallow any of the solution. It'll kill germs and whiten your teeth. Some experts even claim it can help alleviate toothaches and canker sores.

5 Uses for Hydrogen Peroxide

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So instead of spending loads of money on teeth-whitening products that the main active ingredient is hydrogen peroxide, you can mix a little with your mouthwash and brush your teeth with it.

This is by far my favorite use for this product because I can save money and effectively whiten my teeth. Also, I have found that a lot of other teeth-whitening products leave my teeth feeling very sensitive and sore.

By mixing a small amount of hydrogen peroxide with my mouthwash, I have noticed a difference in my teeth without the pain that whitening products cause.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Kwanzaa is a holiday that puts emphasis on family and friends

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

It's the season of Festivus. There are a number of holidays celebrated in the winter to help bring light to the dark and cold season and be around family and friends.

Christmahanakwanza sums up the first round of holidays for the season. Christmas and Hanukah are the holidays that everyone has knowledge of and put their special tweaks on, but if you're scratching your head wondering how Kwanzaa is celebrated, here's the breakdown.

It was first created in 1966 by Dr. Maulena Karenga, professor and chairman of black studies at California State University at Long Beach and was the first holiday to specifically celebrate African culture. It was created to celebrate Africa politically, spirituality, and socially.

According to Karenga, the name Kwanzaa derives from the Swahili phrase matunda ya kwanza, meaning "first fruits of the harvest." Corn and acorns are put out to symbolize the labor and the harvest. Corn is also a symbol of fertility, new hope for children and black empowerment for the future.

Kwanzaa was birthed right in the middle of the Civil Rights movement and is celebrated to empower blacks in the wake of oppression. The holiday is based on the cultures of Yorubas, Ibos, Ashantis, Zulus, and other African tribes.

There are seven principles that the holiday mediates on. Each day of Kwanzaa is used to celebrate one of those ideas. Karenga breaks it down as such:

- Umoja (Unity): To strive for and to maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems, and to solve them together.
- Ujamaa(Cooperative Economics): To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- Nia (Purpose): To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.
- Kuumba (Creativity): To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- Imani (Faith): To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

A Kinara, a type of candelabra with seven places, is lit for each day celebrated. Three green, three red, and one black colored candle are lit and also used as the themed colors for Kwanzaa.

The red symbolizes bloodshed, green represents hope and new life, and black represents empowerment of skin color.

The colors are derived from Marcus Garvey, Jamaican political activist in the early twentieth century, who promoted back to Africa movements and inspired the lyrics of Bob Marley and the Rastafari culture.

A Mkeka, a type of mat, is woven in a traditional way and put out as a symbol of culture to stand and build upon.

Zawadi, or gifts, are exchanged especially with children to award accomplishments throughout the year and compliment one's presence and appreciate their togetherness.

Kwanzaa celebrates many of the values that each holiday, whether it is Christmas or Hanukah or New Year's Eve, has to offer. Bringing light and hope for the future, surrounding yourself with family and friends, and recognizing the roots of your culture are all messages to reflect on this season.

from the editors' desks

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that discussion and discourse nsed to happen on race relations in the United States, especially in the wake of the unfortunate occurrences that we have seen in Ferguson and New York City.

College and university campuses, ours included, have seen a sweep of protests, walk-outs, and die-ins; the likes of which have not heen seen since the civil rights era.

The editors of this newspaper are encouraged by the overwhelming support that these protests have garnered across the campus community.

What we are not encouraged by is the derogatory language that has been used not only by students observing the protests, but also by those who are doing the protesting.

Wednesday's "die-in" in the Dining Commons was Westfield State's contribution to the national fervor that has heen ignited hy Ferguson and New York City's grand jury decisions.

The event started with students representing those who are oppressed that have heen killed this year.

However, throughout the evsnt, protesters ussd explicit language to express their frustration.

This is inappropriate, especially when used in the presence of the many children and memhers of the community that frequent the Dining Commons during the dinner rush.

Words like "bullsh-t," "sh-t," and the liks, do not add to the public discurse on this sensitive issue.

A glaring example of the inappropriate language that has been clouding this discussion would he the poster which rsads, "We're fu--in' mad."

A sign like that should not he taken any differently than the language shouted out of the windows of residence halls.

The only inappropriate language that we heard ahout was that used hy those shouting racial epithets out of residence halls. Campus-wide emails should have also addressed the use of inappropriate language hy the protesters themselves.

No matter how passionate the argument is on either side, using that language does not help move a situation forward, and it certainly does not speak to the accepting nature of the student populace overall.

As interim president Elizabeth Preston said in a campus-wide email last weekend, "Not only does such hehavior violate university policies, it offends our principles and fractures our community. It must be clearly understood that the actions of a small group of individuals are not representative of our student hody and have no place on our campus."

Jon Conlogue, executive director of Residence Life and Dining Services, added to Preston's point on Wednesday saying, "As we grapple with these challenging and emotional issues, it is vital for us to keep in mind the importance of respectful communication with one another – even when, or espscially when, we disagree with each other."

As we face the challenge of finding a solution to the cultural problem of racial inequality in the United States, we need to he more open-minded and understanding of whers all sides are coming from.

Without this understanding, we run the risk of perpetuating an over 400-year-old mindset that has been long overdue for change.

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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Blank Space- Taylor Swift
2. All About That Bass - Meghan Trainor
3. Take Me To Church - Hozier
4. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
5. Animals - Maroon 5
6. The Heart Wants What It Wants - Selena Gomez
7. I'm Not The Only One - Sam Smith
8. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
9. Habits (Stay High) - Tove Lo
10. Love Me Harder - Ariana Grande & The Weekend

top 10 albums

1. 1989 - Taylor Swift
2. That's Christmas To Me - Pentatonix
3. ShadyXV - Various Artists
4. FOUR - One Direction
5. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith
6. Hood Billionaire - Rick Ross
7. My Everything - Ariana Grande
8. Beyonce: More Only (EP) - Beyonce
9. Frozen Soundtrack
10. V - Maroon 5

box office

1. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1
2. Penguins of Madagascar
3. Horrible Bosses 2
4. Big Hero 6
5. Interstellar
6. Dumb and Dumber To
7. The Theory of Everything
8. Gone Girl
9. The Pyramid
10. Birdman

upcoming releases

1. The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
2. Annie
3. Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
4. Mr. Turner
5. Goodbye to All That
6. Unbroken
7. The Interview
8. Into The Woods
9. American Sniper
10. The Gambler

acaOWLETTE Success

Westfield's own all-female a capella group puts on a successful fall show for students, faculty, friends, and family

WSU's all female a capella group, the acaOWLETTES, was started in 2013 by Stacy Wacks and Olivia Dumas. They performed their fall concert on Friday and performed with the UML Hawkapella group on Saturday. Their spring concert is tentatively set for April 25th, but the group will stay busy by performing with MTG and the Night Owls.

Tessa Newell
Voice Columnist

By now, everyone has become familiar with the term 'a Capella group.' When Pitch Perfect hit the theaters, it became the latest craze. Everyone has seen a Fat Amy reference on twitter and even found themselves fan-girling over the newest sensation. A Capella groups perform without the aid of any musical instruments. Every sound heard within a song comes from their mouths. The voice is the only tool tbat they have. Here at Westfield State, the 'acaOWLETTES' are our very own version of the Barden Bellas.

Started last year by Olivia Dumas and Stacy Wacks, the group has grown from the opening act for the other a Capella group on campus, the Night Owls, to performing in their second full-length concert. The 20 girls in the group performed a three-act concert at Dever Stage on Friday, Dec. 5. The Night Owls, along with the Dance Company, each made an appearance during the show.

It is amazing to see the talent this group of girls has. One could not help but be in awe of sophomore Hannah Calerone's ability to both beat box and high those high notes. The group transformed well-known songs, including "Trumpets" by Jason Derulo, into their own version called "Basics." They performed a total of eleven songs, each showcasing different members of the group.

One part of Pitch Perfect no one can forget is their final performance, and the same can be said for the acaOWLETTES. What they called their "Super Secret Aca-Finale" was their take on the Barden Bellas finale, and it was surely on-point. The way they blended songs together that worked well for their voices lead them to a standing ovation. Because this concert was so successful, the acaOWLETTES will be putting on another full-length concert in the stage and hope for a packed house like the one they saw Friday night.

In addition to generously sharing their voices with us, the group collected donations for the American Cancer Society. Dumas and Wacks shared that many members of the groups have had their families touched by cancer and this was their way to make a difference. Look out for the date of the Spring Concert and prepare to be pitch slapped!

Schedule for 89.5 WSKB Westfield

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 - 8 a.m.		"Community Corner" with Diana Mclean	"WOW! It's Tuesday!" with Bob Plasse & Jay Pagluica	"Wake up, Wednesday" with Tina Gorman	"The Westfield News Radio Show" with Patrick Berry	"J.P.'s Talk About Town" with Jay Pagluica	"Pioneer Valley Polka Party" with Wayne Smith
8 - 10 a.m.		"Commuter Radio" with Luis Arzola	"Owls on the Air" with Michael 'Buster' McMahon	"Mornings with Mayor Dan" with Mayor Dan Knapik	"Sports Talk and Office Hours" with Patrick Berry		"Wayne's World of Music and Memories" with Wayne Smith
10 - 12 p.m.	"Back in Time" with James Sandman						
12 - 2 p.m.	"Synthpop and Nonsense" with Sam Doe and Not-Max	Matt Sturdevant	"Owls Sports Show" with Anthony Swanson & Devin Bates		"Listening to the Left" with Erika Hayden	"The Escape" w/ Justin Fernandes	"EDogg 413's Bow Down Throwback Jamz" with Emmett Witherspoon
2 - 4 p.m.		"Carson's Classics" w/ Carson Barcome			"Corsi's Crease" with Jack Corsi	Office Hours	"The Derplery" with Dick Scott and Friends
4 - 6 p.m.	Tim O'Malley	"Kiana & Alisha" w/ Kiana Lowe & Alisha Delissaint	"Hip Hop with Mike" with Michael Barry	"Sports Talk" with Nic Odell	"2 DJs 1 Show" with Bryce Fournier and Cam Brett	"Hip Hip Hooradio" with Liz Curran	
6 - 8 p.m.	"YAM!" w/ Annie Cisek, Victoria Silkonis & Marissa Cremin	"Jam!" with Aaliyah Mercer, Joseph Seal and Michael Norman	"Music Through the Decades" w/ Matt Chadwick	"The P-Rice Show" with Pat Rice		"What's the Beef" w/ Josh Blayer, Cam Lewis & Brian Plumb	
8 - 10 p.m.		"Hip Hop Hour" with Charles Darby	"WSCH" with Nathan and Steve	"Nostalgic Future" w/ Jake Lehan & Anthony Duarte	"Clarklin on the Radio" with Josh Clark and Matt Carlin	"The Brick House" w/ Moses Moe	
10 - 12 a.m.	Rory Barbarisi		The Time Warp" with Sam Weinberg and Alex Carini"	Sabrina & Ed w/ Sabrina Farley & Ed Bloom		Nunu & Crew with Nick Anson and Scott Nixon	

KNOWING TO COOK

The Adventure of a Lifetime

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

This will be my last entry in the paper for quite some time, because next semester I will be studying abroad in Florence, Italy. I feel incredibly blessed to be able to go to one of the cultural and culinary capitals of the world and experience another culture first hand. I have never travelled outside of this country and, if you cannot already tell, I am ecstatic about this opportunity.

Florence, as previously mentioned, is one of the cultural capitals of the world. During the height of the Italian Renaissance, Florence was the center of artistic advancement. It is the city where Dante Alighieri wrote "The Divine Comedy," Leonardo Da Vinci sketched the Vitruvian Man, and Filippo Brunelleschi engineered the famous dome which perfectly completes the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (Basilica of Saint Mary of the Flower).

Located in Northern Italy, in the region of Tuscany, Florence is also home to some of the greatest food on Earth. Tuscany is renowned for rich red wines like Chianti and Fontalloro, peppery olive oils, cheeses, truffles, and pasta dishes like Pappardelle alla Lepre, a dish made of thick noodles tossed in a sauce of hare, herbs, and red wine.

Italy, along with many other European countries, has strict laws set in place to protect the value and tradition of regional foods. For example, just as Champagne can only come from the Champagne region of France, Chianti can only come from Tuscany. The Europeans, particularly the French and the Italians, are steeped in a rich food history, which has only grown with time.

Yes, there are inventive and courageous new chefs in Europe trying to break this traditional mindset, but the majority of the European populous, especially the Italians, prefer the traditional ways just fine.

Here in the United States, we are not as immersed in culinary traditions as the Europeans. One might argue that the very American institution of fast food is a tradition in and of itself, but the traditions I am speaking of have more to do with traditions passed down from generation to generation.

Seeing as Europe is much older than the United States, it makes sense that a great portion of Europe's cultural identities revolve around food; however, it is the Italians and the French who seem to have the most globally recognized food cultures. Still, there is so much we here in the United States do not know about the food cultures of these two nations.

Not all Frenchmen eat as the Parisians do, and not all Italians eat like Romans. There are distinct and specific ingredients and dishes that come from specific regions of Europe. For instance, confit of duck originated in the French Pyrenees before making its way to Paris, and pizza originated on the streets of Naples.

These traditions stretch back hundreds, if not thousands, of years to the point where it is now known that pasta was just as popular in Italy during the days of Caesar as it is today.

Of course, every country has different food traditions, but I speak of Italy so often and so fondly because it is the closest to my heart. I was raised on Italian food. Granted, it was Italian American food, but the traditions and love had to come from somewhere.

Over one hundred years ago, my great-grandfather emigrated from Italy to America. He came to Boston, married my great-grandmother, worked a fruit and produce stand, had children, and the rest is history.

The culinary traditions were passed down from my Italian great-grandparents to my grandmother, then to my mother, and are now being passed on to me. I have no doubt that one day, when I have a family of my own I will be passing down the same traditions and filling them with as much love as possible. As I always say, food is love. And I love food.

Writing this column for the last year and a half has been a joy and a pleasure, and I cannot thank all of you enough for reading and thinking about what I have to say.

While I will not be writing weekly next semester, I will try to send in some updates from time to time on how my adventure is going. I will be eating plenty of food while I am over there.

Good luck with your finals and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

owls athletics

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TRACK

Women's track breaks records at Springfield Invite

Mike Barry
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls competed alongside WPI, RIC, and Springfield College in the Springfield Indoor Track and Field Meet last Friday. As a team, Westfield placed fourth on the woman's side and third on the men's, although there were some impressive individual efforts shown by Owl student athletes.

Ashley Craig, a freshman for the Owls competing in her first collegiate meet, was a stand out for Westfield, qualifying in the top eight of the woman's 60-meter dash with a time of 8.37 as well as breaking the school record for the pole vault. Craig set the mark at 11' 1/4" breaking the previous record of 10' 11-3/4" set by Amy Auclair. This record breaking performance by Craig should come as little surprise seeing as she was setting pole vault and 100 meter records at Westford Academy while in high school.

Craig seems to have an extremely promising career ahead of her as she sets this record as a freshman. Craig is definitely an Owl student athlete to keep an eye on in upcoming meets.

Junior Naloti Palma-Kaluma of Westborough also broke a school record as she broke her own record. Palma-Kaluma set the school record last season in women's shot put with a throw of 44' 8-1/4". This past Saturday at the Springfield Invitational, she broke that record throwing a full half in farther than her previous mark.

PHOTO FROM WSC ATHLETIC DEPT.

Junior pole vaulter Zach Delisle finished first by eight inches with a height of 14' 9". The men placed third in the meet and the women finished 4th.

Craig and Palma-Kaluma were the only two members of the women's team to win an event, however multiple members finished in the top three of their respective events. Nicole Lanoie finished third in the women's 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04.83, and Ashley Monahan finished second in the woman's 1000-meter run with a time of 3:11.27.

In the one mile Lindsay Stoldt finished in third place completing the run with a time of 5:52.18. Other notable finishes for the women included a third place high jump finish by Michaela McCarthy and a third place weight throwing finish by Naloti Palma-Kaluma.

As a team, the Westfield women's team gained a total of 81 points. This unfortunately would only be enough to have them finish in fourth place.

The men's team had many individual successes as well. Although no records were broken on the men's side in this meet, there were four first place finishes for the Owls. In the pole vault, Westfield junior Zachary Delisle finished in first place with a height of 14' 9". This mark beat the second place height by almost eight full inches.

Westfield sophomore Brian Garcia picked up the second and final win of the day for the men's side with his victory in the shot put. With a winning throw of 46' 1-14", Garcia picked up ten crucial team points for Westfield in the win. The men's 4x400 meter relay team finished in first place as well, with the team consisting of Kyle Sullivan, John Tomlin, Matthew Moussamih and Kenneth Pierce.

Other notable male performances by the Owls included a first place finish in the men's 60-meter hurdles by freshman Edison Perez. Sophomore Timothy Gallagher finished in second place in the men's 400-meter as well, getting edged out of first place by a full second. Matthew Moussamih, Christopher Williams and Timothy Jonasmeyer all had respectable second place finishes in their event for the Owls, while Michael Skelly and Isaiah Gregory finished their events in a respectable third place.

The Men's team finished the meet with 121 points landing them third place. Both the men's and women's teams will compete this Saturday December 13th at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston to compete at the Northeastern University Invitational. The teams do not have another scheduled meet until January 17 after Saturday.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, December 4th
W BBall vs Lasell W 72-41
M BBall vs Wesleyan L 63-83
M Ice Hockey vs Worcester State W 6-1

Saturday, December 6th
W Swimming vs LEC Championship 4th Place
W BBall at Rivier University W 85-72
M Ice Hockey vs Plymouth State L 2-5
M/W Track Sprinfield College Invite 3rd/4th

Tuesday, December 9th
W BBall vs Smith College L 67-80

Wedsday, December 10th
M BBall at Springfield L 70-83
M Ice Hockey vs Stonehill

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, December 11th
W BBall at UMass Boston 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13th
W Swimming at Plymouth State 1:00 p.m.
M/W Track at Northeastern University Invitational

Monday, December 29th
W BBall vs RPI 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30th
W BBall consolation or championship game 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 2nd
W BBall at St. Joseph (CT) University 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 5th
W BBall vs Eastern Connecticut 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6th
M BBall at Regis 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7th
M Ice Hockey vs Becker College 7:35 p.m.

Owls Athletics Awards

Westfield State University senior diver Katie Sterpka (Barkhamstead/Barkhamstead, Conn.) added first-team All-Little East Conference honors to her resume on Wednesday as the league announced the honorees.

Sterpka's first place finishes in the 1- and 3-meter diving events this past weekend at the LEC championships, held at UMass Dartmouth, put her on the league's first-team.

Sterpka was the only member of the Owls to earn all-conference honors this season.

Westfield State will be back in the pool on Saturday, swimming a dual meet at Plymouth State University.

KATIE STERPKA

MAXIME RICHARD

Sophomore forward Maxime Richard was selected as the MASCAC's player of the week in men's ice hockey. The Trois Rivieres, Quebec, native totaled three goals and an assist in a 1-1 week.

He netted a pair of goals and an assist in a 6-1 win over Worcester State on Thursday, and tallied a power-play goal in the Owls 5-2 loss to Plymouth State on Saturday.

For the season, he has a team best eight goals and has added three assists for 11 points. The 7-3 Owls are back in action on Wednesday night, hosting Stonehill in a non-conference game at 7:35 p.m. at Amelia Park.

PHOTOS FROM WSC ATHLETIC DEPT.

Women's basketball falls short with second half surge

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

PHOTO FROM WSC WEBSITE

Senior Jen Ashton has led the Owls to a 4-3 start to the 2014-15 season campaign. She has the tenth most career point in Westfield women's basketball history and is currently averaging 14.3 points per game. As one of the four captains on this season's team, Ashton is always reliable in the fourth quarter, shooting 93% from the free throw line.

The Westfield State women's basketball team lost to Smith College Tuesday, losing by a score of 80-67. Smith's Jade Chihara guided the Pioneers to the win, scoring ten points and grabbing 12 rebounds. She also made three assists.

The Owls were off to a nice start early on in the game, as they held a lead for the first 11 minutes of the game after a number of turnovers by Smith College. Smith answered by going on a 15-4 run to put them up 37-26 at the half.

The Owls chipped away at the lead when Gabby Felix hit two free throws to cut the Smith lead to 40-36. That was as close as they were going to get, as Smith went on a tear towards the end of the game to put them up 65-49.

Westfield State's Jill Valley lead the Owls scoring with 22 points, and Forbasaw Nkamebo added a double-double for the Owls, scoring 10 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Owls senior captain Jen Ashton finished with 14 points and added seven steals defensively.

Smith College was clicking offensively with five players scoring in double-digits. The Pioneers also received assists in 15 of 27 shots. There was also a lot of physical play, as Westfield went 28 of 35 from the foul line and Smith went 21 of 28.

Smith outshot Westfield State, shooting 50 percent from the field to Westfield's 25 percent. Westfield State out-rebounded Smith 45-42, but Smith had 34 defensive rebounds to Westfield's 20.

The Owls on the season are scoring 69.6 points per game and winning all of their games by an average of ten points. They came into the game with a three game winning streak, although this game was a setback as Smith came into the game with a 1-6 record as opposed to the Owls' 4-2 record coming in.

It seemed that the whole game against Smith, the Owls couldn't get a consistent run going. They couldn't hit the shots that they needed to hit, and that proved to be costly.

The Owls' next game is on Thursday when they travel to Boston to take on UMass-Boston. After a little holiday break, they will host a holiday tournament December 29-30, with the Owls facing RPI on the 29th in a semifinal matchup. After the tournament, they play the day after New Years against Saint Joseph University of Connecticut. After that, they will play Eastern Connecticut at home before starting their conference schedule.

The Owls open their conference schedule on the road against Framingham State before playing at home against Bridgewater State and Salem State. They then play Worcester State on the road when the spring semester opens up on January 20th.

The Stage Is Set: The New Year's Six

PHOTO FROM CBSCONFS.COM

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

We have finally arrived to the most exciting days of the college football season: the bowl games. This year's bowl games, the first year in which the college football playoff system will be implemented, will surely be some to remember.

This year, six bowl games and one National Championship game separate us from a champion. The four bowls on the outside of the playoffs include the Cotton Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Chik-Fil-A Peach Bowl and the Orange Bowl.

While only the Rose Bowl and the Sugar Bowl will feature the first two playoff games, all of these matchups are ones that you won't want to miss.

Starting off this slate of epic games is the Chik-Fil-A Peach Bowl, the #9 Ole Miss Rebels and the #6 TCU Horned Frogs face off. Both teams had high hopes for the playoffs throughout the season, but Ole Miss losing multiple games crushed their hopes of securing a bid, whereas TCU missed the final spot because the committee did not feel like they had a strong enough finish.

The key aspect of this game is offense; Ole Miss's Bo Wallace and TCU's Trevone Boykin are both outstanding quarterbacks. In a game that is likely to be a shootout, the Rebels and Bo Wallace will find a way to beat the high powered TCU offense.

Following that game will be the Fiesta Bowl, played between the #20 Boise State Broncos and the #10 Arizona Wildcats. Boise State made this game because they are the highest ranked non-power five conference team, going 11-2 on the season.

The two teams both play an exciting brand of football, and each team knows how to score a lot of points.

Boise State is no stranger to the Fiesta Bowl, and Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez knows a thing or two about big bowl games. But because of their strong offense, Boise will surely keep the magic going and pull off the unthinkable again.

The main event on New Year's Eve is the Orange Bowl, where the #7 Mississippi State Bulldogs will take on the #12 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The Bulldogs, once ranked #1 and a projected playoff team, have since fallen from grace. Georgia Tech nearly upstaged Jameis Winston and Florida State in the ACC title game.

Big plays will be the theme of this game, but the defenses could eventually steal the show. Don't be surprised if Prescott leads the Bulldogs down field late to seal the deal.

The Cotton Bowl Classic sets the stage for an absolute war. The #8 Michigan State Spartans will travel to Texas to take on the #5 Baylor Bears. The Bears believe they should be in the playoffs, but were left out in the cold along with fellow Big 12 powerhouse TCU.

Quarterback Bryce Petty cannot make any mistakes in this game, or the impeccable Spartans defense will tear him apart. With a guy like Jeremy Langford at running back for Michigan State, Baylor's run defense will have to be on its toes. Ultimately, Michigan State will win in a tight one.

The first playoff game pits a Heisman hopeful against a Heisman winner. Marcus Mariota and the Oregon Ducks take on Jameis Winston and the Florida State Seminoles. Both teams have been known score a lot of points, but are known to let up nearly as many.

This game will surely come down to turnovers. Famous Jameis has had trouble keeping the ball in his possession this season, and this is where Mariota has been flawless. Oregon should be quacking its way to victory.

Alabama takes on Ohio State in the other playoff matchup. Alabama's offense looked unstoppable last week against Mizzou, while Cardale Jones, the Buckeyes third string, leading the Buckeyes to a 59-0 rout of Wisconsin. Bama's experience is what will lead them to victory, as Heisman finalist Amari Cooper should be nearly unstoppable.

Oregon and Alabama is a matchup many have waited for. It's the classic speed vs power game. This is Mariota'a call to glory, and on the grandest stage in college football he could find it.

Blake Sims will have to find Cooper multiple times to win. But in the end, I like the Ducks to outrun the Crimson Tide in a thriller.

Lester chooses money, signs with Cubs and Theo Epstein

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

PHOTO FROM NY POST

Jon Lester stated he would sign with the Red Sox after his contract expired with the Oakland Athletics. However, when the time came, he found the offer from his former Red Sox GM more generous

Star pitcher Jon Lester signed with the Chicago Cubs last Wednesday night, signing an astonishing six year, $155 million deal to get reunited with Theo Epstein. Although many analysts had expected Lester to choose the Red Sox or Cubs, this still leaves many questions for baseball.

The Red Sox reportedly offered Lester a six year, $138 million deal, a far cry from the four year, $70 million deal that Ben Cherington and Larry Lucchino offered him last spring. The Red Sox were hoping the star would return to his beloved Boston faithful, but unfortunately fell short in negotiations.

Now with Lester out of contention, the Red Sox have to go on Plan B, but what is it? The Red Sox will likely try to deal for Cole Hamels, hut a more viable option would be to trade Cespedes for a number two starter. After securing a number two starter, the Red Sox could then aign Edinson Volquez, or even Ervin Santana if the price is right.

Frankly, though, the Red Sox made a big mistake by dealing Lester such a low amount originally, especially considering that Lester was the catalyat for their pitching staff in their 2013 championship season. Regardless, unless the Red Sox can find a few consistent starters to fill their pitching staff, it'll be a while before the Red Sox will be able to seriously compete, especially if Lucchino continues to make costly mistakes.

The Giants were hoping to add another ace to their rotation to join Matt Cain and Madison Bumgarner. San Francisco was an unlikely candidate going into negotiation, and were looking to replace Pahlo Sandoval as a new catalyst for the team, who signed a five year, $95 million deal with the Red Sox.

Ultimately, the Giants will do fine without Lester. In fact, Lester likely wouldn't have done well in San Francisco since Cain and Bumgarner would be competing with him for the top spot in the rotation.

Plus, San Francisco would surely had to have offered more than the six year, $155 million he was offered hy Chicago to seriously be in the running. However, the Giants would be wise to pursue James Shields, who would he a good three starter in the Giants rotation.

The Dodgers offered a contract to Lester after he had narrowed his choices to three. The Dodgera, who lost Hanley Ramirez to the Red Sox, were looking to sign another ace to join Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw. But hecause the Dodgers offered to him so late in the game, they were also an unlikely candidate to be ahle to sign Lester.

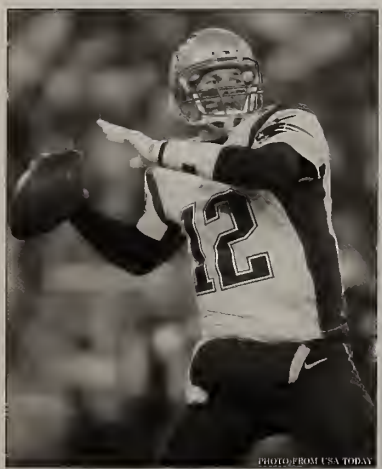
Instead, the Dodgers should pursue Max Scherzer. The Cy Young winner would make a great addition to the Dodgers if he can negotiate his price. Scherzer. who turned down a contract offer from the Tigers worth $160 million over seven years, is asking for a contract in the vicinity of $200 million. But even if he is unwilling to negotiate, don't be surprised if the Dodgers pay close to that, especially now that they have the budget room without Ramirez.

As for the Cubs, Lester couldn't have signed with a better team. With Lester's signing, Chicago is now rumored to be looking for a big bat to add some depth into this lineup. Lester will also be reunited with Epstein, who was the General Manager of the Red Sox before Ben Cherington took the position.

Plus, Lester will surely be a star in Chicago, and his signing will likely attract the interest of other top free agents in the future, both on offense and pitching. There's no doubt that Chicago will be a championship caliber team by 2017.

Although one of the top free agents is now off the market, plenty of other viable options remain. And with signing season just beginning, there's plenty of time to secure some of the best talent basehall has to offer.

Win over Chargers gives Patriots legitimacy in AFC race



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Tom Brady and the New England Patriots have been on of the hottest teams in the NFL after their questionable start. The Patriots have quickly become favorite to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.

Ethan Doyon
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots found their tenth win of the season after defeating the San Diego Chargers 23-14 in San Diego on Sunday night. The Patriots, now 10-3, are on top of the AFC after an unrelenting schedule.

Starting week 9, the Patriots have played the Denver Broncos (10-3), Indianapolis Colts (9-4), Detroit Lions (9-4), and Green Bay Packers (9-3 and a game to come Monday night), with the only loss coming from Green Bay. The Patriots are now favorites to win the AFC's top playoff seed.

If the Patriots can clinch the top spot in the AFC, they will have home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, an extreme advantage in the colder months where Brady seems to he so dangerous.

On Sunday, Brady went 28 of 44 for 317 yards, throwing two touchdowns and an interception. After a slow start, the offense was sparked by Julian Edelman's 69-yard touchdown catch to seal the deal on the Chargers.

Edelman went on to have a career-high 141 yards on the night. Patriots Rob Gronkowski was also a contributing factor to the offense with 87 yards receiving and a touchdown.

The Patriots lost potential points throughout the game as Devin McCourty's pick-six was called back due to a questionable helmet-to-helmet penalty on Patriots Brandon Browner. Brady's only interception came in the red-zone just hefore halftime, which surrendered any potential points for the Pats.

Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers was kept to 189 yards through the air, one interception, and a touchdown to wide receiver Malcom Floyd coming in the 2nd quarter. The Patriots defense kept the pressure on Rivers, who was sacked four times, even without the presence of injured defensive end Chandler Jones and linebacker Dont'a Hightower.

The running game was relatively quiet for both teams with LeGarrette Blount taking most of the reps for 66 yards rushing. Chargers running hack Ryan Mathews was held to a modest 44 yards on the ground.

Keenan Allen, the Chargers main target, was a nonfactor, with close coverage by Patriots cornerback Darrelle Revis.

San Diego, who came into the game with a three-game win streak, was shutout in the second half. The Chargers, now 8-5, are in a must-win situation as the Denver Broncos begin to run away with the division.

The Patriots will finish their regular season with two home games against the Miami Dolphins and Buffalo Bills and one road trip to take on the New York Jets.

Looseleaf: A Story of the 1998 NFL Draft's Big Name Gunslingers and Media Scrutiny

Ryan Leaf was, at one point, compared to Peyton Manning as the best quarterback in college. Since then, he has been in and out of jail and has not played an NFL game in thirteen years.

Devin Bates
Voice Reporter

The hype leading up to the NFL Draft is a buzz like no other. Months before the college football season is even over, there's a good chance if you turn on ESPN you'll see Mel Kiper Jr. babble about the next potential hall-of-famer and where they're going, complete with a "big board" that lays out what might happen. It's inevitable that most of this coverage will not be focused on the monster left tackle, or the stud tight end.

Throughout history and even more so in recent years, NFL Draft hype lives and dies by the quarterback. If you've paid any attention to Draft Day the past five years, you'll have names like Sam Bradford, Tim Tebow, Cam Newton, Andrew Luck, Robert Griffin III, Blake Bortles, and yes, Johnny Manziel, permanently burned into your brain. More often than not, these quarterbacks go on to have long, successful careers and retire, get bored, and do commercials for fun (but we're not looking at you, Brett Favre).

But what does draft day really tell us about a guy's future? Over the course of time, we have learned that despite the amount of hype a quarterback geta, it has absolutely no bearing on how they will fare on an NFL field. For example, out of college Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III were seen as equal players, both with outstanding abilities that can translate to the pros. See how that worked out? What about Russell Wilson, who got no recognition leading up to the selection at Radio City Music Hall? All he did was lead his team to a Super Bowl title. Truth be told, what round you're picked in sometimes has no bearing on how you'll do in the big league. Sometimes, first round picks are dreadfully awful.

You may think thia is where I bring up Tim Tebow, and proceed to wonder where it all went wrong for him, but no. I mean dreadfully, dreadfully awful. Tim Tebow still has a life outside of football. He didn't break into someone's home and steal prescription drugs.

It's April 1998, and the hype for the NFL Draft is reaching a boiling point. The headline is two quarterbacks, one highly regarded for his maturity and knowledge of the game, one for his rocket arm and size. In a Sports Illustrated interview, Former Indianapolis Colts head coach Jim Mora says of the stronger man "He gets rid of the ball quickly and he just kind of flicks it. I mean it's not like its effortless motion. When he throws the ball it's just BOOM it goes through the air at a pretty good pace -- that impresses me."

This is some strong praise from a great football mind, and many around the nation think the same thing of the quarterback. In fact, team scouts for the Indianapolis Colts, the team with the first pick, actually preferred him over the other prospect. So who is this man, you ask? It's Ryan Leaf, former Washington State quarterback and co-star of the 1998 NFL Draft alongside Tennessee gunalinger Peyton Manning. Nowadays, he is Ryan Leaf, former NFL quarterback who has been in and out of jail for 7 years.

After getting picked 2nd overall in the 1998 draft by the San Diego Chargers, Ryan Leaf almost instantly began slipping on a downward slope to nowhere. He missed a mandatory NFL rookie symposium and was fined $10,000. In his first NFL game, he fumbled and threw two interceptions. Further stat lines look very similar to this from his rookie season, and he was on and off the bench for most of the Chargers' schedule. It wasn't only in games that Leaf struggled however, his behavior off the field was just as bad and perhaps more troubling. He told one reporter "Just (expletive) don't talk to me alright? Knock it off!" While all of this was going on, fellow first-rounder Peyton Manning set 5 different NFL rookie records, and it became apparent the Colts made the right choice.

So how did Ryan Leaf end up out of football? Well, he sat out the entire '99 season due to a shoulder injury, and managed to tick off Chargers' executives by playing flag football during his recovery period and getting into a verbal argument with a fan. The new millenium did not turn a new leaf for Leaf, who played poorly and even lied about a hand injury to go play golf instead of practice. Leaf had one game that could be described as his "signature game", maybe his only good game, throwing for 311 yards and 3 touchdowns.

After the 2000 season, he was released by the Chargers and subsequently picked up by the Buccaneers, dropped, picked up by the Cowboys, and dropped again. Leaf's last NFL team was the Seattle Seahawks, where he stayed for a matter of weeks and abruptly retired at the age of 26. It is speculated that he only signed the deal for quick cash. Just four years after his entrance into the NFL, Ryan Leaf left with a whimper.

During the period of time Leaf was fighting for a spot on an NFL roster, Manning was solidifying his case as one of the greatest young quarterbacks of all time. Many people couldn't understand how two quarterbacks deemed to be an equal product upon entering the league could turn out so different. This is why I write this article, to examine what gene a select few prosports busts possess that not only ruin their careers, but also deeply harm their lives.

I had the opportunity my sophomore year of high school to meet and hear the story of former Boston Celtics player Chris Herren, who had his professional career and life derailed by drug addiction. In listening to him, I realized that for some athletea the allusion of future money and success blinds them of good judgement in the present. Consider Ryan Leaf's situation, who in 1998 was widely regarded as the future of a lucky NFL franchise for years to come. It's easy to play devils' advocate and assume a certain amount of entitlement was placed in Leaf at this time, an attitude that he made it and everyone elses' opinion was irrelevant. It's a narrative that has played itself out dozens of times in the history of professional sports; a young athlete rises to fame and abuses one of three things: money, fame, or drugs. Often times, it is a combination of these three.

For Leaf, the lines are a little more blurred than you might think. It appeared as though he had all the intangibles, even stating himself that he waa ready for a 15 year career and multiple titles. The drive and motivation was there, if only for a moment. It could be as simple as a physical injury, Leaf tore his shoulder and was never the same. That could be, but what if, just what if, the hype killed Ryan Leaf?

From the start, Leaf was placed in a bad position for success. There's a reason the Chargers had the second overall pick in the draft, they were a bad team with a bad system. Couple this with the fact that throughout the entirety of his career, media outlets obsessively compared him to Peyton Manning. Who wouldn't crush under the pressure of having your average stat line of 12 for 42, 102 yards, and 2 interceptions constantly compared to the stats of someone whose face is on the figurative Mount Rushmore of quarterbacks?

The constant media attention Leaf received for his negative play killed him. It was already widely known that his work ethic could use improvement, and hearing how bad you are 24/7 does nothing to boost morale. So, I am here to aay I think I have the answer. Ryan Leaf is an extreme example of what happens to you when you can't live up to the hype. For those sensitive to media scrutiny, any flaw you have is exposed and worsened even further when under it's glaring eye.

This is what happened to Robert Griffin III, who after a string of bad games has faded to the land of NFL mediocrity. This is what is slowly happening to Colin Kaepernick, who can't seem to take his mind off of his Twitter haters long enough to focus on playing football. Ryan Leaf is the extreme of what can happen when you don't handle the spotlight correctly, and it's sad that we talk about him in terms of prison sentences now instead of passing yards. His 1998 counterpart is still throwing touchdowns, and when asked about Leaf after his latest prison sentence, Manning stated "I know Ryan.

I haven't talked to him in a little bit but I have kept in touch with him through the years. I am really sorry to hear that. I read that as well and he's in my thoughts and I wish the best for him." Manning speaks as though he was referring to an old highschool friend who dropped out and turned to drugs rather than a former first-round NFL draft pick.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 20):
I smell chestnuts roasting on an open fire! But what do the stars see in that fire? It's your final grades! It was a good call to hide the evidence.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
All your significant other wants for Christmas is for you to lay off the relentless nagging when you inquire what he or she wants for Christmas.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
You better start pouting and crying to your professors; you're going to need them to curve that final test.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Hang in there for one more week, Cancer. You'll have a silent and holy night soon. All is calm during the holidays when your neighbors aren't blaring their music until 3 am!

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
It's time to alienate all of your Virgo friends for the holiday season. Virgos are notoriously poor gift givers!

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
Avoid buying presents for your Leo friends this holiday season. Leos are notorious snobs when it comes to receiving presents!

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
The stars know what you did, Libra. And so does Santa.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Have yourself a merry little Christmas away from your dorm. Sleep tight through the night. From now on your obnoxious neighbors will be out of sight.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Your mother-in-law can't wait to see you for the holidays! She's going to have so much to say about your new haircut!

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Your favorite time of the year has arrived, Capricorn! It's that time when everyone overlooks your birthday! Happy holidays!

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
He's making a list and checking in with the stars to see which Aquarius is naughty or nice! Sorry, Aquarius, the stars never lie.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
It's that time of year when everyone's life gets a lot more exciting... That is, everyone but you, Pisces.

games & leisure

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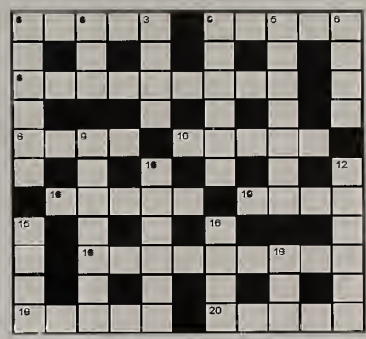

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20. Smooth fabric (5)

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6. Desiccated (4)
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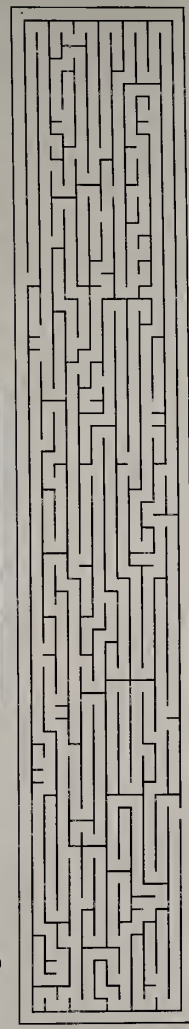

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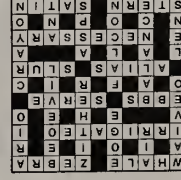

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12/09	10 - 2 pm	Stuff A Cruiser Gift Drive	Lawn Outside Ely
12/09	3:00 pm	Leadership Voyage Compass Program: Problem Solving	SGA Club Room
12/10	7:00 pm	Gingerbread House Contest!	Owl's Nest
12/10	8:00 pm	CAB Trivia	Owl's Nest
12/12		LAST DAY OF CLASSES!	
12/12	4:00 pm	Yoga	Wellness Center
12/12	7:30 pm	Night Owls	Dever Stage
12/12	11:00 pm	CAB Bingo	Scanlon Banquet Hall
12/13	12 6 pm	Wellness Center Exam Hours	Wellness Center
12/14	3 - 8 pm	Wellness Center Exam Hours	Wellness Center
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12/17		Pandini's Pizza Day	Pandini's
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015

Snowmaggedon?

Widely predicted as 'historic,' "Juno" avoids Western Massachusetts for all points east

Sam Hammond and friends play hockey on the ice that currently covers the campus green Wednesday night. The snow that fell Saturday and Tuesday covered the green that was being used as an informal ice rink to play a variant of the New England pasttime of pond hockey.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

As Central and Eastern Massachusetts were pummeled by two to three feet of snow Tuesday, Western Massachusetts found itself relatively unscathed.

Snow did fall — six to eight inches, in fact — but nowhere near the predictions going into Monday afternoon.

The snowstorm was initially reported over the weekend at the heels of Saturday's snowstorm. As time passed, the predictions went from single-digit inches to double-digit inches, pushing the two or three feet mark.

To prepare for the impending snowstorm, classes were cancelled after 4 p.m. on Monday.

Communicating via email, Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, alerted the campus community about the class cancellations for Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday.

Gov. Charlie Baker issued a state of emergency and travel ban for Tuesday.

Slowly throughout the afternoon on Monday, areas on campus started closing.

As snow began to fall around 5 p.m., cars began to flood into South Lot to aid those plowing the campus streets and sidewalks.

All campus eateries were closed by 7 p.m., with the exception of Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons, which closed at its usual time. The Fitness Center was closed by 8 p.m., as was the Ely Library.

As Tuesday approached, the snow got heavier and began to accumulate on the roadways around campus. Snowplows were seen and heard throughout the night until early the next afternoon.

However, despite the preparation, students awoke Tuesday to find an underwhelming amount of snow accumulation.

The storm system shifted in its path, leaving the majority of the snowfall for the Central and Eastern portions of Massachusetts.

Following up on her initial email, Marotta emailed the campus community to confirm that classes were to resume Wednesday.

The other three-fourths of Massachusetts aside, "Juno," as the weather forecasting community was calling the storm, was largely a dud for the areas in its previously predicted path.

Meteorologists in New York and New Jersey were tweeting Tuesday afternoon apologizing for their failed prediction and hoping that the public would maintain its trust in them.

"My deepest apologies to many key decision makers and so many members of the general public," said Gary Szatkowski, a meteorologist from Mount Holly, N.J., "You made a lot of tough decisions expecting us to get it right, and we didn't. Once again, I'm sorry."

A tweet from the NY Metro Weather account read, "Still, blame is on us as meteorologists — can't be placed anywhere else. It is a difficult day for us any time a forecast does not work out.

While Westfield State students did not complain too much about the snow day, there is proper explanation for the over-preparedness that

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Two constitutional amendments to be presented at Tuesday's SGA meeting

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Not only will there be pomp and circumstance surrounding the State of the Campus Address on Feb. 3, but there will be political debate at the Student Government Association meeting following the address.

This is due to two new amendments being brought to the forefront by one of the executive councilors of the SGA.

SGA vice president of student life Joshua Clark is the petitioner of the amendments and they are tailored to addressing what he calls oversights in the Student Government constitution.

At the first SGA meeting of spring semester on Jan. 20, the senators and the public had access to the amendments because of the handouts that are typically left by senators' mailboxes for reference during the meeting.

However, the executive board did not call upon the parliamentarian, Sara Palis, to present the amendments to the senators.

The first amendment states that any student "[s]hall not be permitted to hold an office of the Executive Council unless they plan to be physically present to attend to all prescribed duties outlined in this constitution and its bylaws for the duration of one (1) academic year except in the cases of resignation or academic withdrawal." It will be added to Article V, Section 2 of the SGA constitution if it were to pass.

The second article states: "No student may hold an office of the Executive Council and be a member of the Student Security or Resident Assistant staff concurrently." It will also be added to Article V, Section 2 if passed.

Clark said, "These are necessary amendments that were missed during the constitutional review process last spring. Students who are willing to consider sitting on the executive council should consider the time restraints that they might be under if they join other programs or leave campus mid-year to study abroad."

It turned out there are others who tend to agree; Clark was constitutionally required to obtain at least five sponsors for each proposal.

The sponsors for the first amendment are Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance; Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative; Jonathan Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017; Ryan Losco, junior class president; Sara Palis, representative-at-large and parliamentarian; and Aaron Sylvia, Dickinson Hall president.

The sponsors for the second amendment are Connolly; Cubetus; Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary; Rebbecca DiVico, SGA president; and Tyler Hastings, Commuter Council president.

Some of the sponsors are also on the Rules and Regulations Committee.

The committee voted at the end of the fall semester for the amendments to proceed to their next constitutional step as they were ready to be heard last Tuesday.

Although he did not sponsor the second amendment to be presented, Ryan Losco agreed with its intent. "I think it is a non-controversial amendment. The SGA is just keeping up with current practices on campus," he said.

The Department of Residence Life does not permit its Resident Assistants to sit on the Executive Council of the Student Government. At the same time, the Student Handbook states that a member of the Student Security or RA staff may not sit on the Executive Council.

Because the executive council did not receive the amendments prior to the Jan. 20 SGA meeting, they were delayed until that council could meet and be informed.

Whether or not those sponsors will vote yes or no will be determined over the next two SGA meetings as the amendments go through two voting sessions at two separate meetings. During that time senators can praise, condemn, or raise honest questions about the amendments.

Clark is expected to be whipping votes and advocating for senators to vote to pass the amendments before the Feb. 3 meeting.

He continued, "I hope my fellow senators agree with these necessary amendments as this is something that I consider important."

There will be a more detailed report about the new amendments along with the senators' general feelings and responses after the next SGA meeting on Feb. 3.

Westfield State University tops Massachusetts universities in US News & World Report 2015 online education rankings

From news release

Westfield State University leads Massachusetts' nine state university system placing in the top 30 percent out of 214 schools in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 Best Online Education Programs Rankings. Westfield State's official ranking was 58 out of 214 in the Online Education Bachelor's Programs category based on research and methodology conducted by U.S. News & World Report.

"We are committed to finding new ways to expand access to a high quality college education," said Elizabeth H. Preston, president, Westfield State University. "Offering online access to our academic programming allows us to support the needs of students who might not otherwise be able to take advantage of the educational opportunities we offer."

Westfield State has offered online classes since 2002 and currently offers six online bachelor's degree completion programs in business management, criminal justice, liberal studies, history, sociology, and psychology.

Evolving the program has been key to its success and expansion. Last year, Westfield State signed the MassTransfer Plus agreement that allows students who have completed an online associate's degree at Holyoke Community College (HCC) to transfer to the university's online bachelor's degree program, making it possible for them to complete a four-year degree fully online.

The MassTransfer Plus agreement builds on the growing number of fully online degree programs available at HCC and Westfield State, as well as the institutions' determination to make it easier for Massachusetts residents to obtain an education and move into higher-paying, in-demand career fields.

U.S. News online rankings were created in response to today's high demand for education provided in a flexible manner.

When determining scores, U.S. News chose factors that weigh how these programs are being delivered and their effectiveness at awarding affordable degrees in a reasonable amount of time.

Rankings were determined by four different criteria: student engagement (40 percent), faculty credentials and training (20 percent), peer reputation (20 percent), and student services and technology (20 percent).

Data was collected from both for-profit and not-for-profit schools.

For more information about the rankings methodology, go to Methodology: Best Online Bachelor's Programs Rankings.

For more information about Westfield State's online bachelor's degree programs, please visit www.westfieldontheweb.net.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA begins spring semester with new VP of Programming; Celtics trip planned by CAB

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Winter Storm Juno closed Westfield State University last Tuesday and subsequently cancelled the Student Government Association's regularly scheduled meeting. However, the first SGA meeting of the spring 2015 semester was successfully held on Jan. 20.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, welcomed the senators back from their breaks and gave Susan LaMontagne, dean of student affairs, and Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, a chance to welcome everyone as well. LaMontangne said in 15 weeks students will either start their summer break or their careers, and wished everyone success in making it there.

Pickron asked different senators what they did over the winter break and had high expectations for seniors readying for graduation on May 16 along with the rest of the students for the spring semester. He wished everyone a fantastic spring semester and gave the Madam President the podium.

DiVico announced that the annual state of the campus address would he Feh. 3 at 4 p.m. on Dever stage. The address will highlight what has been going on last year and this year so far on the Westfield State campus. DiVico said she wanted to incorporate something new to the address this year.

"I am looking for testimonials from students on what Westfield means to them and what kind of impact it has had on their lives," she said. DiVico called upon first-year students to strongly contrihute to the testimonies as well as the other classes.

DiVico also gave the All-University Committee report and said Linda Vaden-Goad, provost and vice president of academic affairs for Framingham State University, spoke to the committee about Framingham's academic strategic plan. She said Vaden-Goad's interesting presentation on how different schools come up with strategies and collect data from the university sparked new discussions on what Westfield State should do. DiVico stated that the university is currently in the middle stages on the strategic planning and will have a few years before it has to make decisions.

She lastly said that AUC would be working with the president's office for the town hall meeting where interim president Elizaheth Preston talks to Westfield community. Surprisingly, more students went to the meetings than faculty members last year, DiVico said.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, reported on the Board of Trustee's meeting on Dec. 15. The Board outlined the roles for their audit suhcommittee and reviewed the first quarter finance report, he said.

Frank added that the Board also reviewed the University's homh threat policy to make slight changes to enhance the cohesiveness in the literature hy several state and federal law agencies.

Frank lastly said that the presidential search committee is officially formed with members from the trustees and Westfield State faculty, as well the search firm, Diversified Search, to assist the university.

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, announced that the third Blood Drive of the year will he held on Wednesday, Feh. 11 in the Parenzo Gym from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Connolly added that every donor gets a free t-shirt after donating.

Daniel Chamherlain, vice president of programming, gave his first report in his new position. He was chosen to replace Shannon Cullinane, who left the executive council to study ahroad.

He said he was excited to be able to take on this positon and first announced two open spots on the Campus Activities Board, advertising coordinator and membership coordinator for senators to join.

The positions were to be filled hy an election of the general membership of the Campus Activities Board at Wednesday's meeting.

Results of that election were not availahle by press time.

Chamberlain then said the scheduled Winter Weekend events and announced CAB's trip to a Boston Celtics game on Feh 6. with tickets costing $15 each.

He then wished everyone a good semester.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will he Feh. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely hy Dunkin' Donuts following the State of the Campus address to take place at Dever Stage at 4 p.m. that same day.

CLARK - *from the front page*

many experienced in this area.

On two separate occasions in the last four years, students here and in the area experienced "Snowmaggedon" conditions.

The freak Halloween snow and ice storm in 2011 caught many off-guard.

At 8:06 p.m. on Oct. 29, power was cut off to the university, which was thrown into relief mode providing shelters to the Westfield community.

Students were sent home for the week as residence hails and the Dining Commons were not equipped to house or feed students for the extended power outage.

At the time, then-president Evan Dobelle said of the shelters, "It was an extraordinary effort by all the WSU community to be a good neighbor and no one is prouder of their efforts than I am."

In February 2013, another colossal snowstorm dumped snow in Western Massachusetts.

The university was closed Feb. 8 due to tbe storm and on Feb. 11 to allow the city of Westfield additional time to clean the roads and campus Facilities and Operations time to clean off the campus.

Both storms paralyzed the university for an extended period of time with tough decisions being made by key people in many departments of the university.

Compared to these aforementioned storms, "Juno" was quite tame.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

University of Massachusetts officials have taken a number of steps in the week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday to reduce the likelihood of a large, crowd-related disturbance taking place in the Southwest Residential Area after the game, including modifying the school's guest policy and planning alternative activities for students.

daily orange
Syracuse University

The 113-year-old house at 300 Comstock Ave., which was officially acquired by the university 100 years ago in January 1915, has housed nine SU chancellors as well as many memories. The house itself was designed by architect Albert Brockway and built from 1901–02 by the original owner William Nottingham, according to the SU Archives website.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Harvard will resume full operations Wednesday after it closed for a "potentially historic" blizzard that dumped about two feet of powdery snow on the Boston area Monday night and Tuesday and spurred Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker '79 to declare a state of emergency.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

Being a university president does not entirely entail stressful maneuvering in the public eye. It has its perks.

UConn President Susan Herbst, who recently inked a new contract to stay on as president through the summer of 2019, is currently hauling in a base annual pay of $585,000.

crime log

On January 5, malicious destruction occurred between 3 p.m. and 8 a.m. in the Power Plant Lot. The case is under investigation.

On January 18, a drug law violation occurred at 4:28 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 18, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:27 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 18, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:38 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 19, a liquor law violation occurred at 4:56 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 20, indecent assault and battery occurred at 8:18 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 21, a drug law violation occurred at 8:38 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 23, a liquor law violation occurred at 4:27 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 23, a drug law violation occurred at 8:41 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 23, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:11 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 23, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:22 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 24, assault with a dangerous weapon and reckless driving occurred at 11:10 a.m. on Davis road. A summons was issued.

On January 24, a drug law violation occurred at 10:25 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 25, a drug law violation occurred at 1:23 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 25, assault & battery occurred at 2:23 a.m. at Landsdowne Place. A summons was issued.

On January 25, a drug law violation occurred at 2:38 a.m. in the Woodward Center. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:19 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:44 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:50 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:33 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 27, a drug law and liquor law violation occurred at 12:58 a.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 27, harassment occurred at 10:26 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is under investigation.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

In Living Color:
Westfield State celebrates Black History Month, bridges racial gap

From Press Release

Westfield State University will celebrate Black History Month by hosting a month-long celebration of events ranging from poetry performances, panel discussions, and interactive experiences.

Since 1974, Westfield State has held special events during the month of February dedicated to informing students, faculty, and staff as well as the community about the importance of black history, culture, and traditions. Black History Month is organized by a committee of faculty and staff.

For the first time, Black History Month celebrations are themed this year. The theme is "In Living Color," a play on the 90's sketch comedy of the same name, which utilized comedy, fashion, satire, and other media to captivate audiences. Black History Month Committee Chair Ashiah Richeme, staff assistant in Residential Life, said it was important for her to organize a variety of events including some contemporary discussions.

"I hope to bring awareness and a different perspective," Richeme said. "Black History Month is not just about Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, and Ferguson. It's more than just African American history as well. My hope is for attendees to see beyond the typical themes of the month and learn while enjoying themselves. Each program has its own definition, unique style, and is educational."

Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Student Activities Jessika Murphy said the plethora of events allow students to understand the time table of racial injustice.

"We want to bridge the gap, to show where we as a country started, notice the positive changes we've made, and to look forward to ways will still need to grow," Murphy said.

While the university has held events around Black History Month for 40 years, it recently began expanding cultural awareness programs, including its first recognition of Latino Heritage Month last fall.

"Part of our job as educators is to provide students with the opportunity to learn beyond their comfort zone, which includes learning about different cultures," Murphy said.

Events:

Thursday, February 5, 5:30 p.m. – There will be a screening of "Dear White People," which follows a group of African American students as they navigate campus life and racial politics. Film screening and discussion will be held in the Owl's Nest.

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. – "Dispelling the Myths of Black Greek Letter Organizations," a dynamic conversation on the current state of Black Greek Letter Organizations, will be held in the Owl's Nest.

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. – "Voices Beyond Bondage," is a poetry reading of 150 poems culled from burgeoning black-owned newspapers of the era held in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Monday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. – "Black Girls Rock," is a night of celebration to acknowledge women of color who have embolden Westfield State's campus. The celebration will be in the University Hall Lobby.

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. – "Soul Café," a night of expression of art for students, faculty, and staff including jazz ensembles, poetry, dance, step, and song will be held in the Owl's Nest.

Sunday, February 22, 2 p.m. – A "Tribute to WEB DuBois," Westfield State's Chorus, Gospel Choir, and So Seductive Step Team honor the civil rights activist at St. John's Church in Springfield.

Monday, February 23 – An all-day event, "Black Solidarity Day," is a day of solidarity, recognition, and unity. Participants are encouraged to wear black to symbolize unity, progression, and an end to racial oppression.

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. – "It's Weave not WEAVED," an open dialogue on black beauty and the negative effects of image-based media, will be held in the University Hall Lobby.

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. – "Tunnel of Oppression," an interactive experience that targets issues of privilege, power, and social justice, will be held in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Wednesday, February 25, 8-10 p.m. – Night two of "Tunnel of Oppression" will be held in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Thursday, February 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m. – Night three of "Tunnel of Oppression" will be held in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

All of the above events are free and open to the public. Black History is an important time in the United States as it shines a light on the African-Americans that fought for social justice. For more information about Black History Month events, please visit www.westfield.ma.edu/bhm.

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State of the Campus Address

Tuesday, February 3, 2015
4:00 pm
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Please join us for the campus wide address delivered by Student Government Association President Rebecca DiVico

Questions? Topic Requests?
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from the voice vault

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Editor's Desk

Ah. I know most people wont understand why I am so completely hyped up about our new program -Indesign here at The Voice, but honestly, I am SO excited

Indesign is a page designers DREAM!

Let's talk about the parking situation at this school I, a senior, have a main lot pass. Supposedly, havng a main lot sticker is supposed to ensure that you have elose parking to whatever dorm/apt. building you live in. If only this was the case! Today, I am parked behind Lammers, but that is only after I spent elose to twenty minutes circling the campus, counting the amount of cars that DON'T belong in main lot.

Is anyone else having this problem? If so, please, write to The Voice! Get your opinion out about the parking situation at the school, or anything else that might interest you!

Yippee for tomorrow being Thursday! It's lovely having no classes on Fridays!

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Editor's Desk

It's so crazy to think that next week is the beginning of October is next week, which marks a month until my favorite holiday ever: Halloween. I just love everything about autumn. There's nothing better than drinking hot apple cider, admiring the changing leaves and thinking about my Halloween costume possibilities.

On a more mentally focused note, we've now put out three editions of The Westfield Voice and we want to hear what you think! Feel free to send e-mails to thevoice@wsc.ma.edu. Criticize us, send us some love or give us some good ideas. We're totally open to hear your thoughts and we want this paper to be written for the Westfield State community, so if you want to hear about it, let us know!

Well, I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend. We'll be looking out for your feedback.

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Phil Woods at WSC

By Ken Longstreeth and Zach Tilleston

Phil Woods, the world's foremost saxophonist, presented a lecture/demonstration on November 28 in Bates room 117. Because of his renown reputation as a jazz artist, Phil Woods drew a crowd of close to 200 people from the greater Springfield area.

Mr. Woods' credentials read like a Who's Who in the world of jazz, having performed with the likes of Dizzy Gillispie, Thelonious Monk, Quincy Jones and Lenny Tristano. Most recently Phil Woods has recorded with his own quartet as well as with known pop artists Billy Joel and Paul Simon.

This captivating lecture was basically divided into 2 parts: the first part was centered around his 30 years in the music business and his climb to success, the second part was an info-native session involving his theories of jazz improvisation. Phil Woods brought his clinic to a close with a demonstration on the alto saxophone involving the principles he had discussed regarding jazz improvisation. A question-answer period followed. Time was allowed for music students from this school and area musicians to have a private rap session with Mr. Woods.

This lecture/demonstration was presented by the Music Club as part of a series of concerts and clinics to benefit the cultural development of the college community.

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opinions & editorials

PASSPORT TO POLITICS

A day in Boston at the inauguration of Charlie Baker

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

PHOTO FROM RADIO BOSTON

Editor's Note: This is the first entry in a new column focused on actual politics, not feelings or partisan pandering, written by senior history major Joshua Clark, editor-in-chief of The Westfield Voice and vice president of student life to the Student Government Association.

The gubernatorial inauguration of Charles D. Baker, Jr. was a political spectacle that gets political junkies' blood pumping.

The kick-start to one of the most widely anticipated state government administrations could not have been more poignant and underrated.

The ceremony kicked off at noon in the chamber of the House of Representatives in the State House in Boston, which was full to the gills with senators, representatives, Governor's Councilors, other constitutionally mandated elected officials, invited guests, and the like.

Members of the public were allowed to witness the event in the Great Hall of Flags, which features a flag from each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns. This is where I watched the ceremony.

I started my day with a drive from Chicopee to the State House. The most unsettling part of the drive was the lack of traffic. I left home after rush hour around 9:30 but considering it was Inauguration Day, my thinking was that the Turnpike was going to be busy.

Finding a cheap (expensive) parking spot in the Boston Common Parking Garage, I made my way to the State House, which was a short walk from the garage.

I was not exactly aware of this at the time, but a motorcade was about to pass through with the governor-elect and his family.

What tipped me off to this was the congregation of people focused in front of buildings with areas blocked off and a red carpet as if it were the Golden Globes.

Promptly at 11 a.m., the motorcade arrived with troopers from the Massachusetts State Police on motorcycles leading the way. From my vantage point, I was able to take a video recording on my phone of the governor-elect exiting his vehicle.

He promptly went to the crowd to greet reporters and supporters as he made his ceremonial entrance into the building he will occupy until 2019.

Once Baker made his way into the State House, supporters and spectators, including reporters, started making a mad dash to the doors of the State House trying to gain entry to watch the Inauguration.

While this was happening, "Stars and Stripes Forever" was being played by the Massachusetts State Police Honor Guard, which was accompanied cannon blasts that shook the ground and made those looking on well with pride at the historical event about to take place.

After listening to whom I will call "elbow rubbing hardos" bicker about this person who they met for lunch and that person who they had a cocktail with, I was finally in the State House.

Having never been to the State House before, I was in awe at how historical the building is. It is a history major's paradise, I found.

The hallways on every floor are covered with paintings of all of the past governors; considering Massachusetts' four hundred year history, there are a lot of paintings to look at.

I was not sure where the public viewing area was, but having heard loud talking and commotion in the Great Hall of Flags, I figured this was as good of a place as any to watch the event.

I saw televisions and food sprawled out for the public's enjoyment, so I felt like I made a good decision.

On the television was State Senator Stanley Rosenberg, a Democrat from the Western Massachusetts community of Amherst (that's the one with the silent 'h'), who was officiating the ceremony.

At noon on the dot, the inauguration began.

The Massachusetts State Police Honor Guard performed a tune as they entered, the national anthem was sung, and the constitutionally mandated Governor's Councilors were sworn in.

Once this was done, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor were sworn in.

After laughing at all the mistakes that he kept making trying to recite the oath of office, he commenced his opening address.

The stand out point in my mind was his focus on opiate addiction.

Speaking strongly about his desire to bring down the number of addicts during his term, Baker struck a chord with many in the room I was watching the speech in.

Many of the observers were nodding their heads.

To be honest, there is nothing that was said in either Baker or Polito's speeches that was any different from what any other incoming governor or lieutenant governor would say.

Aside from Baker's statement on opiate addiction (which was a topic discussed by the governor of Vermont in a State of the State address a couple of years ago), the speeches were largely ceremonial.

All-in-all, for my first gubernatorial inauguration, I was satisfied with my experience.

Annual State of the Union Address brings little attention to terrorism

Jon Cubetus
Voice Reporter

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Promises of inclusive child support, sensible economic regulations, and reformation of the energy industry were all strong points of the Address by Mr. President Obama.

While rejecting a political agenda and citing the passing of November elections, Mr. Obama comforted the middle class household with all-inclusive language in support of reform. One topic of brief discussion that the President seemed to give little light: terrorism and ISIL.

Obama sympathized with the veterans and others who have been directly affected by these groups, however it was poorly juxtaposed with the closing of Guantanamo Bay detention camp. After the controversial release of CIA documentation of torture techniques only a few weeks ago, the United States population is even more sensitive to the topic.

Pairing the crimes against humanity to the release of the people committing the offenses is not a way to gain popularity among the people.

In addition, President Obama prides himself on the use of discretion and strategic decisions against these people. However, only months ago, President Obama and Congress approved the multi-million dollar training and arming of Syrian rebels, which backfired almost completely.

Instead of completing the intended purpose of training rebels, nearly all funds went directly to assisting the enemy.

It worries me deeply that the little action taken against the enemy has only backfired, and that high on the agenda is to release these people who have done us wrong. As a result, our quality of life has been lessened and only has the potential to be worse with accused and convicted terrorists back in action.

While Obama did discuss many bipartisan agreements and topics of middle class worries, terrorism was not addressed completely and thoroughly. Let us hope, for the sake of our safety and the future of our country, that President Obama rethinks his mode of action.

gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

My boyfriend and I have been together for quite some time now, but I constantly find myself wanting to be with other guys (not long-term) and, occasionally, acting upon these urges. I still love my boyfriend more than anything and I don't want to lose him. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Person-in-a-pickle

Dear Person-in-a-pickle,

As a professional advice-giver, I try to avoid judging my misguided fans, so please note that I mean no offense when I say this: It's time for a morality check. You seem to be in the throes of adultery rather than in a pickle.

I recommend deleting your tinder and/or grinder account, promptly breaking off all clandestine meetings with your secret lovers, and turning to Internet sources to satisfy your libidinous urges. Additionally, the time has come for you to face the facts. and tell your significant other of your adulterous escapades.

You jumped into your bed of lies and now you need to lie in it in solidarity. If these measures seem too drastic, it's time to end things with your boyfriend — unless you are sociopath deprived of empathy.

In that case, I recommend doing nothing and subsequently crushing his soul thereby demolishing his trust in all human beings for the rest of his life.

Best of luck,
Gail

Dear Gail,

I have been having issues with my neighbors being noisy at all hours of the night. Their music and yelling keeps me up all the time. What should I do?

Sincerely,
The Better Neighbor

Dear Better Neighbor,

Clearly your neighbors are having a problem adjusting to life on planet Earth. I am not sure what could be done to help ease them into coexistence with human beings, but hopefully your friend Gail here can help you with some ways to cope on your end.

First, cotton balls and wax. It worked for Piper Chapman in Orange is the New Black, so it could work for you. Some good ole' prison remedies are easily applicable to situations that you could find in the residence halls.

Second, Beats by Dre. Hear me out because I know they're expensive. Beats by Dre are marketed as noise cancelling headphones. Now, I don't recommend listening to the same music as they do in your new headphones because that would be counterproductive and a waste of money, but I would recommend some Chinese relaxation music, Taylor Swift's new album, or DMX to help stifle their obnoxious tunes and voices.

Thirdly, and probably the most intelligently, talk to your RA. Now, I do not put much stock in this option because why would delinquent residents listen to your RA? But at least you made an effort, right?

Hopefully this helps. I mean, if all else fails, you could just bang on their wall when they're sleeping and hoot and holler in hopes of rendering them too fatigued to boisterously converse during the day.

Best of luck,
Ya girl Gail

from the editors' desks

It is generally perceived that political participation among college students and people of the millennial generation is not as high as that of older generations.

Many of this is due to the stranglehold that technology and social media has on our minds and the fast paced lifestyles that people live today.

A lot of the problem also lies in the fact that people (generally speaking now) do not feel that political problems of Washington, Boston, or even the Westfield State University campus specifically affect them.

Yet there are studies that point to the fact that the same millennials I previously mentioned are more civic-minded than their older counterparts.

A recent report conducted by the National Conference on Citizenship concluded that millennials are more apt to volunteer for community service or other unpaid opportunities than their parents or grandparents.

Our analysis would point to the impact that is immediately seen by committing an act of community service — feeding the homeless at a shelter, shoveling an elderly person's driveway, donating canned goods — which shows human connections in a world that is increasingly becoming less human.

This paradox is what fuels the discussions that student-leaders have regarding why more students are less likely to participate in student government or other opportunities in the various clubs and organizations on campus.

Many point to the never-quenched desire to know what is happening on campus despite the efforts of the staff of this newspaper, the Student Government Association, the various RAs, and other modes of communication that are present on campus.

Another opportunity is rearing its head in the coming week to learn about what is happening on this campus.

The State of the Campus Address, delivered by the Student Government President Rebecca DiVico, will be taking place on Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. at Dever Stage.

How does this relate to community service, millennials' connection to political participation, or donating food at a canned food drive?

Well, it does not relate verbatim.

However, addresses of this nature in the past have been delivered with themes of community service and political participation in mind.

Political participation does not necessarily have to do with politics, though.

It can be anything related to the civic environment of which we are a part no matter if we are on this campus, or at home.

The madame president would be remiss to leave out mentions of the various community service efforts that are undertaken by students at this university, or the plethora of civic engagement opportunities that are taken on by students wanting to give back to the Westfield community that we spend four years of our collegiate career as a part.

And you would be remiss to skip out on hearing about them.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Boehner invites Israeli Prime Minister to speak to Congress on Iranian Nuclear Program

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In his first action since the State of the Union address, Speaker of the House John Boehner formally invited Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress on Iran's nuclear ambitions and possibly creating tougher sanctions on Tehran for not cooperating.

The move itself is seen as a rebuttal to President Obama's threat to veto any additional sanctions on Iran.

White House officials have increasingly warned that stronger sanctions against Tehran will create diplomatic strains on negotiations concerning Iran's nuclear program.

The BBC reports that Boehner confirmed the invitation on Wednesday, saying he invited the Prime Minister to speak "on the grace threats radical Islam and Iran pose to our security and way of life."

The issues arise after President Obama called on Congress to authorize the use of force against the Islamic State and when a spokesman said the move breached "typical protocol" with the White House.

The problem itself seems to be a complete mistrust between Congressional leaders and the President; each has polar opposite views on foreign policy.

The President has claimed that a deal was "in the works," but he did not make any mention of what the deal entails.

For me, it seems like the Israeli Prime Minster, who has had his own spats with President Obama over the years, is looking to argue about the negative security implications any sort of "deal" with Iran could pose to Israel.

Considering Iran and Israel's history, I would not be surprised if that was the main talking point.

While we mention the State of the Union, President Obama has made a few concerning points. The first is his discussion of his self-titled, "Middle-Class economics," which seem to be cheaper rip-offs of his last two presidential election promises.

The center of the ideas require President Obama to "ride" off of the recent economic growth and provide more benefits, which I don't believe is currently possible. Despite the "fact" that the economy is currently producing more jobs at the fastest pace it has since 1999, we forget that there still needs to be hundred of thousands more jobs created to be back at the pre-recession point. The economy is just replacing the jobs it had originally lost, not creating new jobs on top of it.

On the topic of improvements, if I may call them that, the President recently boasted that the nation is experiencing high rates of high school graduation. About 80 percent of high school students graduate after 4 years (the most recent statistic being from 2012); it is something to celebrate.

Massachusetts has seen its fair share of high school graduation, but a recent report has displayed that, despite a high rate of graduation, the actual number of graduates is relatively static and fluctuates between 77,000 down to 73,000. In 2013 the number was just over 74,000 and then in 2014 it was back to 73,000 (According to the state report on the doe.mass.edu website).

However, dropout rates have significantly dropped a few percentage points, which is a cause for celebration. In 2009, the graduating class of 77,000 students had a drop out rate of 9.3 percent. As of 2014, the graduating class of 73,000 students had a drop out rate of only 5.6 percent.

Though graduation rates and education reform is a topic for another time (Foreshadowing next week?), I think it should still be on our minds in the coming days.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

State of the Union Address covers student, as well as national, issues

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

For those of you who tuned in to the State of the Union Address, whether it was out of curiosity or for a class requirement, you may have noticed some issues pertaining directly to students.

This included the idea of free community college, workman's compensation (sick days), and addressing the gender gap for women in the workplace. Most college students are attending with the hopes of pursuing a career.

Here at Westfield State University, 51.5 percent of the campus is female, meaning that a lot of us are hoping that at the very least we'll be paid equally for the same work that our male colleagues are paid.

Currently in America, women make 70 cents on the dollar compared to men for the same job title. Does that mean we should only pay 70% of our loans back if we are not guaranteed this equal pay?

The glass ceiling is something that must be smashed in America, and a push for the equal rights amendment, I do believe, is in order.

However, something that was lacking in the President's speech was sexual assault in the workplace. This is something that deeply affects the quality of work for both the employee and employer. It also affects the workplace environment, and that can have a negative impact on the well-being of women in the workplace.

The Feminist Majority Foundation speaks about sexual harassment on their website, saying, "Sexual harassment is not mutual and is unwelcome." They went on to say that sexually harassing behavior "is rude, demeaning behavior and is usually about the abuse of power.

In fact, sexual harassment psychologically hurts the women involved and the work atmosphere. According to the National Council for Research on Women. women are 9 times more likely than men to quit their jobs, 5 times more likely to transfer, and 3 times more likely to lose jobs because of harassment."

"While sexual harassment has been a pervasive problem for women throughout history, only in the past three decades have feminist litigators won definition of sexual harassment as a form of sex discrimination and have women come forward in droves to demand remedies and institutional change.

In the United States, sexual harassment in employment, housing (harassment by a landlord or building manager), or academia is illegal, "says the Feminist Majority Foundation.

But it happens every day. It happens in the grocery store, it happens while commuting, it happens in class, it happens in the military, and it happens in the work place.

Yet 41 percent of four-year colleges and universities have not initiated sexual assault investigations in the past five years. a survey launched by Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill found.

"We appreciate the administration's commitment to this issue, but it was a missed opportunity to talk about not just making colleges more affordable, but also safer," said Sen. Kristen Gillibrand' spokesman Glen Caplin.

Gillibrand's guest at the State of the Union Address was Emma Sulkowicz, a 22 year old from Columbia University who got attention by carrying her mattress around to class in a "carry that weight" campaign directed towards bringing attention the school's alleged mishandling of her being sexually assaulted in her dorm during her sophomore year.

Though the president has worked on several campaigns throughout 2014 that address this issue, its progress (or perhaps lack thereof) should have been followed up in the State of the Union. Sexual assault affects all women, and that in turn affects the stability of a Democratic society.

Such a society cannot exist in its fullest potential without liberty, and justice for all. So far, no president has addressed the issues to date.

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letter to the editors

CONCERNED CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

An open letter to Westfield State University - faculty, staff, Alumni, and students - regarding the recent email sent out by the University's Office of the President titled "Message to the Westfield State Community about Sexual Violence and Sexual Misconduct."

At the age of 18, two weeks after graduating high school, I joined the Air Force. Six years later I left to pursue a college degree.

After four years of observing, the only real difference between an 18 year old who joins the military and one who starts their freshman year at Westfield State is that they did different paperwork in their senior year of high school. That paperwork, however, brings us to two very different cultures.

By no means would I try to delude anyone into thinking the culture of the military is morally superior in handling or even addressing matters of sexual violence and sexual misconduct. The headlines of recent years can speak for themselves, but they hardly scratch the vulgarities I have witnessed.

There is, however, one approach in dealing with sexual violence, as well as irresponsible drinking and suicide prevention, which the Air Force uses with great affect, that in the four years I've attended college have never seen – not once!

To get at the heart of what I'm talking about, let me first regurgitate some phrase I picked up as a communications student. The medium is the message.

Every month our Base Commander would gather every single peon Airman and speak with them directly. "Look to your left. Look to your right... To the Airman sitting in front of you and behind you. Some of you have just seen a friend that will kill themselves." He'd tell the females to stand up and tell us that one in four of them were going to be sexually assaulted... and then have us stand up... "By one of you." He'd have us all stand up and say, "Every day, one of you will get into a car intoxicated."

"Look around again. This is your family. This is your home. What are you going to do to stop this?"

Once again, the medium is the message.

Throughout the years at Westfield, I've seen uncountable bulletins placed in dorms, classrooms, and throughout the halls reminding me of the policies in the student handbook, statistics about drinking, and phone numbers I can call when I'm feeling blue. But these are just words on paper from some faceless administrator.

Not once have I ever seen any member of Westfield State University's faculty or staff, the President or even a department head, engage a significant portion of the student body in real face-to-face conversations about these issues, or even prompt the students themselves to have those conversations.

Sure, these topics come up in the classroom. I took Interpersonal Relationships. But a classroom is not the entire Westfield State community, and the community is where this face-to-face conversation needs to happen.

The young men and women at WSU need to be engaged with each other about their sexual expectations, intents, and dating habits. They need to learn when they've had too much to drink and when their friends have had too much.

They need to have the tools, like a Designated Driver, to get home to a safe environment (without the fear that getting there means dodging Public Safety and sanctions). They need to learn the signs that a friend is in emotional and mental stress.

And to be frank, the administration should get real. The idea that the problem of sexual assault on college campuses can be solved by a new ambiguous rule in a book saying, "Consent must be clear, affirmative and unequivocal" is nonsense. Consent is sexy. I've heard... So are f#@k me eyes. Let's talk about that!

These issues and the situations in which they arise are real to students long before someone makes a complaint, or a student walks into the Student Conduct Office, or it becomes a Public Relations nightmare that threatens federal funding.

An email, a new rule, and another bulletin on a board are all words on paper from some faceless administrator. Once again, the medium is the message. Is this really all you are going to do to stop this?

To all my former fellow students - some good friends: The next time you walk out onto the green and see that globe, take a look around. You might be seeing someone who's stressed almost to that point.

All those girls walking around, running from dorm to classroom, one in four is probably going to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, possibly by some of those guys walking around.

Making plans to go out to the bar? Someone's going to get in a car drunk. Look around again. This is your home. These are your friends. What are you going to do to stop this?

Cheyne Ordonio

MESSAGE TO THE WESTFIELD STATE COMMUNITY ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Editor's Note: The following is an email sent to the student body by the Office of the President. It is being published here for contextual purposes.

Dear Westfield State University Students, Faculty and Staff:

Ending sexual violence on college and university campuses has become an urgent initiative for the federal government, evidenced by recent federal legislation that requires colleges and universities, at the risk of removing federal funding, to promptly respond to reports of sexual violence and sexual misconduct of any nature, prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

In compliance with these federal laws and effective March 15, 2015, the State of Massachusetts will implement a new policy, the Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Affirmative Action Plan (The Plan), for state universities to follow. A significant and important component of The Plan is its Sexual Violence Policy.

While The Plan will not become effective until March 15, the federal law requires that colleges and universities begin to use "good faith efforts" to implement policies related to sexual violence.

At the heart of sexual violence and sexual misconduct laws is the idea of "consent". Consent cannot be assumed by action, inaction or by silence.

Consent must be clear, affirmative and unequivocal. Consent can seldom be present if intoxication is a factor. No one should become a victim of non-consensual sexual misconduct. Dignity and respect should be at the foundation of all of our relationships.

The impact of investigations and adjudications have life-altering consequences for both survivors of sexual violence and alleged perpetrators, whether or not the allegations are proven.

If, however, responsibility is ultimately found, the minimum sanctions imposed, in accordance with federal law, must begin with expulsion or suspension from the university.

In accordance with the "good faith efforts" required by federal law, Westfield State has established procedures designed to fairly and efficiently address matters of sexual violence and sexual misconduct.

Preventing sexual violence and sexual misconduct begins with information. I urge all members of our university community to review Westfield State University's Sexual Violence and Sexual Misconduct website.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Johnson, M.Ed., J.D.
Director, Non-Discrimination Compliance

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Health benefits of avocados

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

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In an average sized avocado, there is around 160 calories, two grams of protein, and fifteen grams of healthy fat. They contain nine grams of carbs, and seven of those grams are fiber. That leaves only two grams of "net" carbs, which makes the avocado a very low-carb food.

There is no cholesterol or sodium in avocados, and they are low in saturated fat. They also contain more potassium than bananas.

Potassium helps to support electrical gradients in the body's cells and serves various important functions such as electrolyte regulation, nerve function, and muscle control. In a 100-gram-serving of avocado, there is fourteen percent of the RDA as compared to the ten percent found in bananas.

Many studies have shown that high potassium intake is related to reducing blood pressure, which is a major risk factor for strokes, kidney failure, and heart attacks.

Avocados are also a high fat food. They are made up of 77 percent fat content and are one of the most fatty plant foods; however, this is not necessarily a bad thing. The majority of the fat found in avocados is a kind of "healthy fat" known as oleic acid.

This is a monounsaturated fatty acid that is also found in olive oil. It has been linked to reduced inflammation and has positive effects on genes linked to cancer. Also, the fats in avocados are resistant to heat-induced oxidation making avocado oil a healthier choice for cooking.

Avocados are also high in fiber. Fiber is indigestible plant matter that can contribute to weight loss, reduce blood sugar spikes, and is strongly linked to a lowering the risk of many diseases. It also regulates the body's use of sugars and helps keep hunger and blood sugar in check.

Consuming nutrients is important, but we also need to be able to absorb them. Some nutrients are considered "fat soluble," meaning they must to be combined with fat in order to be used and absorbed into the body. Examples of these nutrients include vitamins A, D, E and K, as well as antioxidants like carotenoids. A study has shown that adding avocado or avocado oil to salsa or salad can increase antioxidant absorption by 2.6 to 15-fold.

Avocados are a great example of a useful fatty acid to consume when you eat vegetables. Without them, many of the beneficial plant nutrients will go to waste. Avocados have many beauty benefits as well. They are a great source of antioxidant carotenoids such as alpha carotene and beta-carotene.

These help to control free radicals and provide protection against wrinkles, fine lines and other signs of aging. Large amounts of carotenoids have been proven to improve skin density, tone and overall appearance.

In order to tell if an avocado is ripe, press very gently near the stem tip; if the avocado gives slightly, then it is ripe. If it is still hard, then keep it for a few more days. Avocados have many benefits ranging from lowering cholesterol, assisting in weight loss and helping to relieve symptoms of arthritis pain.

They are a healthy fat that assists in nutrient absorption, and above all they can be incorporated into meals in many ways. So next Wednesday make sure to stop at the Dining Commons and get your weekly dose of avocados.

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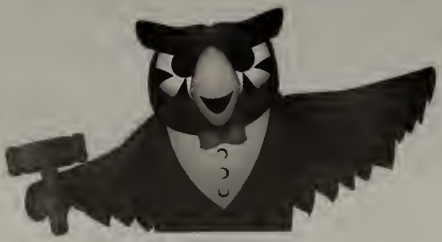

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arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
2. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
3. Blank Space - Taylor Swift
4. Take Me To Church - Hozier
5.Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
6. Lips Are Movin - Meghan Trainor
7. I'm Not The Only One - Sam Smith
8. Sugar - Maroon 5
9. Jealous - Nick Jonas
10. All Bout That Bass - Meghan Trainor

top 10 albums

1. Title - Meghan Trainor
2. 1989 - Taylor Swift
3. Kidz Bop 27
4. X - Ed Sheeran
5. Uptown Special - Mark Ronson
6. The Pinkprint - Nicki Minaj
7. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
8. V - Maroon 5
9. Hozier - Hozier
10. 2014 Forest Hills Drive - J Cole

box office

1. American Sniper
2. The Boy Next Door
3. Paddington
4. The Wedding Ringer
5. Taken 3
6. The Imitation Game
7. Strange Magic
8. Selma
9. Mortdecai
10. Into The Woods

upcoming releases

1. Ouija
2. Dracula Untold
3. John Wick
4. Nightcrawler
5. The Lookalike
6. Laggies
7. Gladiators of Rome
8. The Captive
9. The Dog Who Saved Easter
10. Dear White People

Lowkey Chloe

Nathan Benoit
Voice Columnist

She is a journalist-turned-comedian and uses her unique experiences to tell an interesting and hilarious story in her act. She recently made her national television debut on NBC's hit show "Last Comic Standing."

Westfield State University's Campus Activities Club concocted a Winter Weekend that consisted numerous events spread throughout the weekend. On of the events featured the wonderfully hilarious Chloe Hilliard, who a performance on Jan. 24 in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. I attended this show and must say that it was an enormous success.

Hilliard was not the only comedian that performed that night. Her opener, Dave Temple, really warmed the crowd up. He had an excellent act and connected with the crowd through jokes about college that struck a cord with Westfield's students. One of his jokes was about another school at which he performed that offered a club focused on chasing squirrels. The benefits of this club probably do not exceed a healthy workout; however, you are only setting yourself up for failure because your squirrel-catching prospects seem bleak.

Chloe Hilliard came next and did as well as, if not better than, her predecessor. She had a lot of material, but she focused on relationships. Hilliard asked the crowd if they were involved in any relationships and then created jokes on the spot. I think it takes talent to improvise with no script, and most of her act was an example of such talent. For instance, upon inquiring whether or not one gentleman had a girlfriend, he replied affirmatively, adding that the relationship was long distance. Hilliard jokingly replied, "Yeah that's not going to last." I thought it was funny because she then poked fun at a panoply of couples.

Both comedians were able to make the audience laugh without being profane or offensive, which I really enjoy because I do not find a bunch of swears funny. I also enjoyed how they were not afraid to made jokes about sex, alcohol, and drugs. I have seen other comedians perform at schools, and sometimes their topics can be pretty stale.

I really enjoyed Chloe Hilliard and Dave Temple because of their fantastic routines; they kept their jokes fresh and fun without dropping the F-bomb every second.

MTG announces cast for 'Into the Woods'

Andrew Morin
A&E Editor

At the very end of last semester, the Westfield State Musical Theatre Guild held auditions for their spring show, Into the Woods. Into the Woods is a twisted mash-up of several childhood fairy tales including Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Little Red Riding Hood.

The main plot line follows the Baker and his wife who desperately yearn for a child. However, they soon find out that the witch from next door has cast a spell upon their house which keeps them from procreating. In a mission to create a potion to lift the spell, the Baker sets off "Into the Woods" to find the right ingredients for the Witch's potion. His wife, disregarding her husband's wishes, follows him in order to help. Each character is then faced with decisions and obstacles and they all soon learn the meaning behind the old saying, "be careful what you wish for."

Into the Woods will open on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Following shows will be Friday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Into The Woods Cast

Cinderella - Beth Teague
Cinderella's Mother - Chelsea Orifice
Cinderella's Prince - Samuel Asuque
Cinderella's Step Mother - Sydney Raymond
Florinda - Chelsea Orifice
Lucinda - Erin Meany
Jack - Connor Swan
Jack's Mother - Becca O'Leary
Little Red Ridinghood - Rachel Cofsky
Granny - Chelsea Orifice
Mysterious Man - Leo Biocchi
Narrator - Ryan Pound
Rapunzel - Abby McMahon
Rapunzel's Prince - Paul Barrett
Steward - Andrew Morin
The Baker - Daniel Garrity
The Baker's Wife - Tessa Newell
The Witch - Morgan Doherty
Wolf/Cinderella's Father – Will Mackinnon

Into the Woods Production Staff

Directora: Hannah Clifford and Jen Guimond
Stage Manager: Amity Leary
Assistant Stage Manager: Jen Sanders
Music Directora: Kelsey Grey and Tyler Cook
Assistant Music Director: Mike Ferrara
Choreographer: Rachel Cofsky
Co-Costumers: Andrew Morin and Dan Garrity
Assistant Costumer: Tessa Newell
Props Miatress: Erin Meany
Assistant Props Mistress: Morgan Doherty
Scenic Designer: Courtney Kossick
Set Assistant: Alex Potter
Technical Director: Ryan Pound
Assistant Technical Directors: Seth Carne and Dan Dilling
Charge Artist: Kelly Roche
Master Carpenter: LeeAnne Brown
Producer: Chelsea Orifice
Assistant Producer: Becca O'Leary
House Manager: Kayla Awiszus
Contract Supervisor: Ally O'Neil

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Basketball teams continue conference success during break

The Men's and Women's basketball teams are both undefeated (5-0) in conference play this season. Senior Jen Ashton (Left) recently moved into fifth in the all-time scoring list and has led the Owls to a 7-0 road record. Senior Robby Jones (Right) has led the charge for the men, who are currently on a six game winning streak. Both teams are where they want to be heading into the postseason and both teams seem to be finding their roles as the season progresses.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, December 11th
W BBall at UMass Boston W 62-56
Saturday, December 13th
W Swimming at Plymouth State W 152-127
M/W Track at Northeastern University Invitational
Monday, December 29th
W BBall vs RPI W 75-43
Tuesday, December 30th
W BBall vs. WPI L 48-72
Friday, January 2nd
W BBall at St. Joseph (CT) University W 71-50
Monday, January 5th
W BBall vs Eastern Connecticut W 65-57
Tuesday, January 6th
M BBall at Regis W 73-70
Wednesday, January 7th
M Ice Hockey vs Becker College L 0-5
Wednesday, January 8th
W BBall at Framingham State W 82-72
M BBall at Framingham State W 66-45
Thursday, January 10th
W BBall vs Bridgewater State W 69-50
M Ice Hockey at Framingham State W 4-2
M BBall vs Bridgewater State W 90-57
Tuesday, January 13th
M Ice Hockey vs SNHU L 4-9
Thursday, January 15th
M Ice Hockey at Salem State W 3-2
Saturday, January 17th
W BBall vs Salem State W 78-57
M/W at Coast Guard Invite 3rd/3rd
Sunday, January 18th
Women's Swimming at WNEU W 148-114
Tuesday, January 20th
W BBall at Worcester State W 67-65 OT
M BBall at Worcester State W 68-62
Thursday, January 22nd
M Ice Hockey vs Fitchburg StateL 2-6
Saturday, January 24th
M/W Track at Springfield College Invite 2nd/3rd
M Ice Hockey vs UMass Dartmouth L 2-9
Sunday, January 25th
W BBall at MCLA W 63-47
M BBall at MCLA W 81-70
Monday, January 26th
W Swimming vs. St. Joseph PPD.
Tuesday, January 27th
M/W BBall vs Fitchburg State PPD

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, January 29th
M BBall at Elms PPD.
W BBall vs Fitchburg State 5:30 p.m.
M BBall vcs Fitchburg State 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 31st
W Swimming at WCSU 12:00 p.m.
W BBall vs Framingham State 1:00 p.m.
M BBall vs Framingham State 3:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey at Plymouth State 6:00 p.m.
M/W Track at Wesleyan Invite
Tuesday, February 3rd
W BBall at Bridgewater State 5:30 p.m.
M BBall at Bridgewater State 7:30 p.m.

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Men's and Women's Basketball teams played a handful of games over the course of the holiday break, with both teams doing considerably well.

Both teams haven't lost a game since last month. The women's team currently stands at 13-4 overall and 5-0 in conference play, while the men's team is 11-5 overall and 5-0 in their conference as well.

After the fall semester ended, the women played in a holiday tournament hosted by Westfield State. They won the first game of the four-team tournament against RPI, 75-43, but lost in the championship game to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 72-48 the next day. Since then, they have been red hot, winning seven straight games, including a 67-65 overtime thriller against Worcester State on the road.

What's most impressive, too, is that five of those wins were against conference foes: Framingham State on the road (82-72), Bridgewater State at home (69-50), Salem State at home (78-57), Worcester State, and MCLA on the road (63-47).

Jen Ashton (15.8 ppg), Forbasaw Nkamebo (14.6 ppg), and Jill Valley (11.6 ppg) are the top scorers on the team. Nkamebo has been a force down low, grabbing 9.6 rebounds per game for the Owls. Ashton scored a career-high 30 points against Salem State back on January 17th, becoming just the tenth player to do so in the 40-year history of the program.

At the beginning of the break, the men's team lost to Springfield College, 83-70, dropping their record to 5-5 overall. But just like the women's team, they went on a hot streak, defeating Regis College 73-70.

Since then, they've won their last five games (all conference games) against Framingham State on the road (66-45), Bridgewater State at home (90-57), Salem State at home (68-44) and Worcester State on the road (68-62). Their most recent game was against MCLA on January 25th, where they won 81-70 on the road.

Senior captain Grant Cooper missed a few games at the start of the season due to injury, but has since lead the Owls in scoring this season with 15.3 points per game. Seniors Andre King (14.6 ppg) and Robby Jones (10.3 ppg), rank second and third on the team in scoring, respectively. Cooper also leads the team in rebounds (8.1 rebounds per game) and assists (3.4 assists per game), while only playing in 12 of 16 games.

The women's teams' next three games are all conference matchups. They play Fitchburg State at home on the 27th, Framingham State again on the 31st at home, and then travel to Bridgewater State on February 3rd before coming back home to play an out-of conference game against Western New England University on February 5th. After playing Western New England, they finish the season with four more conference games.

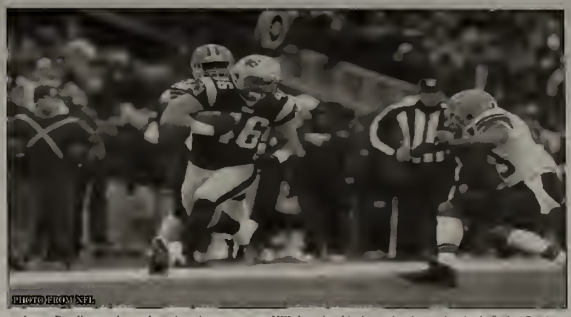
As for the men's team, they play Fitchburg State at home on the 27th before traveling to Chicopee to take on Elms College in an out-of-conference game on the 29th.

After that, they face Framingham State on the 31st, where soon after they'll hit the road to face Bridgewater State on February 3rd before returning home to face another out-of-conference opponent Western Connecticut State on February 5th.

After that, the Owls will wrap up the regular season with four conference games before tournament time.

James Develin is the Pat's ace in the hole

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter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James Develin may be a relatively unknown to most NFL fans, but his determination and attitude fit the "Patriot Way" as much as any other player. Develin could be the key for New England to raise the Lombardi trophy again.

As the Super Bowl draws near, the attention of the media is focused on "deflate-gate", leaving a lot of stories and players out of the spotlight almost entirely. However, someone you should know come this Sunday is New England fullback James Develin. Develin's hardwork and determination have been integral in the Patriot's success, and his story perfect represents this ideal

James Rittenbouse Develin definitely took the road less traveled to get to where he is today. At age seven, when be first put on his helmet and strapped up his pads, he couldn't imagine where the sport would take him. Being a physical kid at a young age, his first positions on the gridiron were middle linebacker and center. When he got to high school, he played for Boyertown Area Senior High School, where he played both offense and defense and was the team's MVP his senior year.

After high school, Develin was sure he wanted to continue playing football. His two top choices were Princeton or Brown, both Ivy League schools where he could get a quality education. After some time, Develin decided on Brown, where he would make a lasting impact in his four years there.

Develin played defensive end for all four years for the Bears. In his senior year, Develin was a co-captain and ranked sixth in the nation in tackles for a loss (16). It was also in his senior season where Develin played offense for the first time since high school, as he persuaded coach Phil Estes about playing full back.

While Develin was excellent defensively, he would truly shine on offense, and it was at fullback that he truly utilized his talent in the NFL.

In the spring of 2010, Develin graduated from Brown with a degree in chemical engineering. This was a proud accomplishment for him, but he wanted to give football a shot at the next level. Going into the NFL Draft in 2010, Develin declared himself a fullback, feeling that he size and skillset would fit better there in the NFL.

Unfortunately, Develin was not selected in the draft. However, shortly thereafter, Oklaboma City Yard Dawgz of the Arena Football League. His stint with the Yard Dawgz was brief, lasting for only the last five weeks of the season.

After his brief career with the Yard Dawgz, be was signed by the Florida Tuskers of the United Football league. It was there that his career as a fullback started to blossom.

Shortly thereafter, the NFL began to take notice of his talent, and it wasn't long before the Cincinnati Bengals decided to sign Develin onto their practice squad. He remained on the practice squad from the end of the 2010 season and through the entire 2011 season. In 2012, Develin was signed by the New England Patriots as a member of the practice squad.

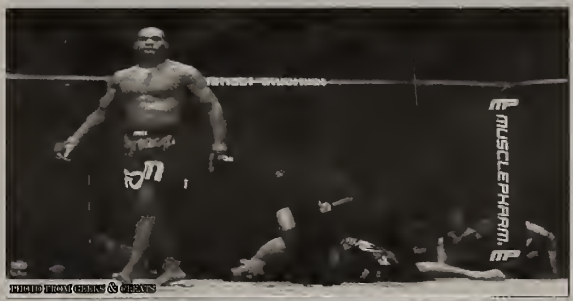
In week 15 of the 2012 season, Develin finally got the opportunity he had been waiting for, and in the following year, he would flourish for New England.

In 2013, Develin saw action in all 16 games and two postseason games. The highlight of his season was his first career rushing touchdown on December first against the Houston Texans in a 34-31 victory.

In the 2014 season, Develin had three rushing attempts and six receptions. In the AFC semifinal game against the Colts, Develin scored his second career touchdown in a lopsided 45-7 win.

Now with the Super Bowl just a few days away, it will be interesting to see just what Develin can do, and what kind of impact he'll make for the Patriots.

UFC set for an extraordinary boost in popularity throughout 2015



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The UFC is as controversial of a professional sport as any other that we have in the United States. Jon Jones is dealing with drug issues and fighters consistently trash talk thier opponents in advance of a pay-per-view.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

Jon Jones, Anderson Silva, Conor McGregor, and Nick Diaz are just a few of the names highligbting an extraordinary fight schedule this year. With tensions heating between fighters, new challengers emerging from the ranks, and matches closer than before, it's easy to say that the UFC will soar in popularity in 2015.

The UFC has been on point with its fight cards thus far. The first fight of the year continued the storied rivalry between Jon Jones and Daniel Cormier, two men who to say the least down right hate each other. But Jones did what he does best, and successfully defended his Light-Heavyweight title.

The Notorious Conor McGregor was another name that highlighted the UFC card this month. McGregor guaranteed a win, which he easily came away with in the first two minutes of the second round against Dennis Siver on January 18.

Not only did McGregor win with ease, but he put the voices of his critics to rest, most notably biggest one, Featherweight Champion Jose Aldo. McGregor jumped over the cage and confronted Aldo face to face. Their fight is set to take place May 23, where McGregor can bopefully live up to his word again.

Anthony "Rumble" Johnson is the latest to overcome the adversity of a bostile crowd in Stockbolm, Sweden. Johnson most recently fought on the UFC on Fox against Alexander Gustafson. Gustafson, born in Sweden, went into the fight heavily favored, but it was Johnson who came out firing and knocked out the Swede in the first round.

One card remains for the month of January, and it involves the return of a legend. Anderson "The Spider" Silva is arguably the greatest fighter of all time, and he will be pitted against Nick Diaz. Diaz is a fearless fighter, but Silva will be looking for redemption after losing his Middleweight Title. This one will surely be a brawl for the ages.

Plenty of fighting is still to be done this year, and I don't know about you but I cannot wait for the big fights that we will see. Cain Velasquez is due for a title defense soon, as well as the possible returns of George St. Pierre and Dominick Cruz. The UFC is on high demand this year and we should be ready for slugfest after slugfest.

We also have the highly anticipated debut of former WWE Champion Phil "CM Punk" Brooks. Brooks left the WWE after a dispute with the front office, most notably a dispute with Vince McMahon.

Brooks walked out of the company and broke his silence by announcing his signing with the company at UFC 181. Brooks debut could draw in millions upon millions of viewers to the sport.

Like I said earlier, we are on high alert, the next big event is the war between Silva and Diaz. There's no love lost between these two seasoned veterans, so don't expect anything less than fireworks when these two guys hit the octagon.

2015 is a highly anticipated year for the UFC. By the end of the year, we will surely be saying that it was one of the best that this sport has ever seen.

Looseleaf: A Story of the 1998 NFL Draft's Big Name Gunslingers and Media Scrutiny

Coach Mike Krzyzewski, with a victory over St. John's at Madison Square Garden, became the first men's coach to reach 1000 wins. Surrounded by his star freshman, his goal is a national championship

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

As the final seconds ticked away on the game clock, thousands of fans at Madison Square Garden stood up and cheered for arguably the greatest college basketball coach of all time.

It was at this moment that Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, the all time wins leader in men's Division I Basketball, reached a feat that even his former mentor Bob Knight, John Wooden, or even Adolph Rupp couldn't do before him: He secured his 1,000th all time win as a head coach.

After two consecutive losses to unranked conference opponents North Carolina State and Miami, it was almost an uncertainty before and during the game that he would come up with the win. Although Coach K's took an early 11 point lead in the first half against the St. John's Red Storm, the Blue Devils lost control of the game soon after, trailing by four at halftime and ten in with 8:15 left to play in the second half. However, Coach K and his star studded squad went on an astonishing 18-2 run run to eventually break away with the historic win by a score of 77-68.

Tyus Jones and Jahlil Okafor showed the country why they are perhaps the best one-two combo in college basketball, combining for 39 points and right rebounds, but it was Quinn Cook who shined, grabbing 17 points, ten rebounds, and four assists. Cook also hit all three of his free throws and gave up only three turnovers.

Sir'Dominic Painter was perhaps the best player on the floor up until the final eight minutes, garnering a total of 21 points, making nine of his seventeen shots from the field while adding ten rebounds as well. Fellow Red Storm senior Phil Greene IV also played notably well, making six of his 12 field goal attempts with a couple of rebounds.

After the game, Krzyzewski was joined in the locker room by his former players from Duke, including Danny Kennard, who played on Coach K's first Duke team in 1980-81. Other notable Duke alumni/former players in attendance included members of the 2010 Championship team, including Todd Zafirovski, Mason Plumlee, and Lance Thomas.

In the end, it's not the fact that Coach K reached 1,000 wins (he's been coaching for over 40 years between Duke and West Point), but rather his immense leadership skill and the respect he garnishes from his players and his assistant coaches. A former Army player himself under Coach Bob Knight, it was here he would begin to develop these skills that would make him one of the greatest of all time.

Coach K, in his forty years as a head coach, has shown us what it really means to be admired for instituting excellence and hardwork, inside and outside of the classroom. It is for that reason among others he continually garners some of the best recruits in the nation and molds then not only into respectable basketball players, but exceptional men as well.

Although it is uncertain whether Coach K will lead the Blue Devils for much longer, it is certain that he is irreplaceable, and for his many years of loyalty to his players, Duke University, and college basketball, we must thank him for his years of service.

Corsairs Sink Westfield, 9-2

WSU Athletic Department

Freshman Kyle Zacharewicz (Ludlow, Mass.) scored a pair of goals to lead UMass Dartmouth to a 9-2 win over Westfield State University in a MASCAC men's ice hockey game at Amelia Park on Saturday evening.

Zacharewicz netted the Corsairs' first goal 8:53 into the contest when a rebound of a blocked shot bounced right on to his stick in the slot and he lifted the puck to the upper left corner for a 1-0 lead.

Two minutes later junior forward Evangelou Stafanou (Tabernacle, N.J) flipped a shot on goal through traffic from the right point after Westfield failed to clear the puck.

At the 11:32 mark of the first period, freshman defensemen Joe Echelmeier (Doylestown, PA) extended the Corsairs lead to 3-0 with nearly a carbon copy of Stephanou's goal. The Corsairs built a 7-0 lead in the first 30:18 of the game before Westfield got on the scoreboard.

John Sartell (Wakefield, Mass.) added a goal and two assists for UMass-Dartmouth 5-10-2 (5-4-2 MASCAC).

Eight different players scored goals for UMD. Sophomore goalie JJ Solloway (Derry, NH) stopped 39 shots.

Westfield got goals from Dalton Jay (Hamilton, Ont.) and Dave O'Connor (Manchester, Conn.). The Owls fall to 9-8, 6-4 in the MASCAC.

If you are a sports fanaticic, a casual fan, or have maybe played sports in gym class once or twice, you are perfect for a position in the Sports Writing section of The Westfield Voice.

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horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 20):
Embrace this new semester as a fresh start full of possibility. However, the stars report that those possibilities are bleak. There's always next year!

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
With the arrival of your new neighbors, it's time for the arrival of some new earplugs. You'll be facing some loud nights, as they're either inconsiderate or hard of hearing.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
It's time to add some fresh excitement to your life. Log off of that World of Warcraft account and start a tasteful column for the A&E section of the Voice!

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Try to avoid all Scorpios that have set out to fatally harm you in the past.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
The stars predict a gruesome year for you, Leo. Luckily, the stars are about as reliable as the Juno snowstorm prediction.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
A new love interest is on the horizon. Hiring a love coach may be your only hope of maintaining it.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
A tiff in the workplace can be easily remedied when faced head-on. Unfortunately, Libras are terrible at confrontation. Start seeking out new job opportunities now.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
You're an incredibly trusting person, but enough is enough. Loaning your car and money to strangers is never prudent.

Sagittarius
(November 22 –December 21):
Expect a big surprise this week! On an unrelated note, refrain from eating the chicken in the DC.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Ignore the advice from your friends, family, and sagacious professors and just blindly follow your instincts.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
There will be a grandiose opportunity coming you way. Don't take it — it's a trap.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars are hazy in regards to your future, Pisces. Admittedly, Juno may have just been intercepting the messages.

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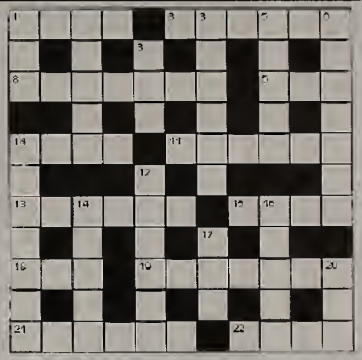

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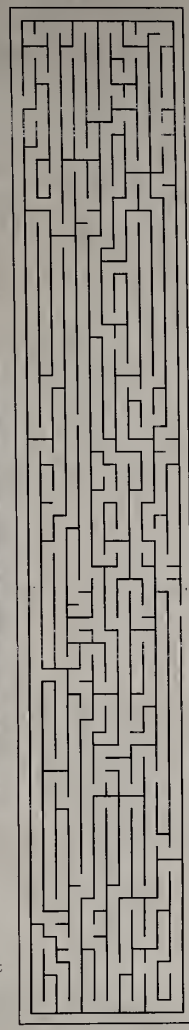

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SGA president Rebecca DiVico delivers fourth annual State of the Campus address

SGA president Rebecca DiVico delivers the fourth annual State of the Campus address while student trustee Joshua Frank (left) and vice preisdent of student life Joshua Clark (right) look on. A full transcipt of the address can be found on pages ten and eleven.

Andrew Burke
Editor-in-Chief

The fourth annual State of the Campus Address was held on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Dever Stage in Parenzo Hall. Student Government Association president Rebecca DiVico gave a speech that encompasses the goings-on of Westfield State University over the past 365 days and plans for the future on and around campus.

The SGA Executive Council was seated on stage in front a crowd of 60 that included interim president Elizabeth Preston, students, parents, and Westfield residents.

Lou Cimaglia, former Student Government president, first delivered the address in 2012 from Dever Stage, and each succeeding president since has continued the tradition.

The entire address lasted twenty-five minutes and highlighted actions taken by the student body and administrators that henefitted and enhanced the campus environment. The address was filled with student submissions and testimonials along with observations made by DiVico and other Executive Council members.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, gave an introductory speech before DiVico took to the podium. Clark introduced the Executive Council seated behind him, and he gave a brief summary of their roles on campus and within the Student Government Association.

DiVico made it a point to praise the student body early and often. She began the speech by broadly stating the fact that students "are not just attending class Monday through Friday. We [students] are winning awards, working on extensive research projects, competing on sports teams, creating pieces of art, advocating for public higher education, and so much more."

She made it a point to praise faculty members, as well, but specifically Dr. Elizabeth Preston. Dr. Preston was thrust into a unique and difficult position after the retirement of Dr. Evan S. Dobelle; however, her experience and familiarity with the campus is unrivaled.

"Westfield State has been blessed to have Dr. Elizabeth Preston as our Interim President for the past year. Dr. Preston has heen working at the university for over 20 years in various positions," DiVico said. "Dr. Preston has given the school a breath of fresh air with her innovative ideas and her positive attitude. Her transparent approach is appreciated with her university wide e-mails with information pertaining to all areas of the campus and she has even worked with the All University Committee to participate in Town Hall style meetings during the semester where she takes questions from the campus community. We have been very lucky to have her in this position," DiVico stated.

DiVico made a point to acknowledge future projects and endeavors, which gave the audience an idea of where we are headed before reviewing where we have been.

The partnership with Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College through the MassTransfer Agreement will allow students to complete their associate's degree at STCC or HCC and, starting in the fall of 2015, transfer directly to Westfield State at a price that does not exceed $30,000, DiVico said.

The plot of land adjacent to the commuter parking lot will house a new academic building focused on sciences and STEM programs. It is the newest addition to the campus since University Hall and is the newest academic building in 40 years.

STEM is an acronym referring to the academic studies of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The addition of a new building that accommodates the need for these programs will only belp to better the university and develop well-rounded students.

DiVico made it a point to acknowledge Cynthia Siegler and the

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Vice president of advancement Ken Lemanski addresses the SGA; amendments pass first round

Student Government convened Tuesday after president DiVico's State of the Campus address to hear Ken Lemanski, vice president of advancement, and to discuss canstitutional amendments.

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Westfield State University's future is looking very bright, hut also extremely busy and expensive. Kenneth Lemanski, vice president of advancement and university relations, was the guest speaker at the latest Student Government Association meeting.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, gave the annual State of the Campus address before the meeting and received praise from her fellow senators as well as Lemanski.

Lemanski gave a short background of his joh description saying that he represents the university to the outside world to state agencies, the federal government, city government, and the surrounding neighborhoods. The other part of his work, he said, is to raise funds and lobby for new projects for the University.

Vice president of advancement and university relations Kenneth Lemanski spoke to Senate about the new science building.

Lemanski gave updates on what is going on with the new science building along with an aerial master drawing of wbat the campus might look like with the addition of the new science building. He said the building will be as tall as Wilson Hall with only three floors; however, tbe floor-to-ceiling height will be higher than that of Wilson Hall because of all the lab equipment. Additionally, Lemanski spoke about a brand new plan with Juniper Park and the campus parking lots.

The 54,000-square foot building will house laboratories for all science concentrations. A key feature, Lemanski said, will be the connector bridge made entirely of glass that will make it easy for students to travel from Wilson to tbe new building. He also said elevators will be added to the building along with a dramatic staircase. Lemanski used Ely to exemplify the casual open spaces that will be available for students of any major to enjoy in the science building.

The building will have a grandiose entrance with a large casual space accessible from the commuter lot side, and Lemanski said "it will allow commuters to have their own community space."

In addition to other students who do not have any science or health related majors, Lemanski said, faculty and students can come together from all disciplines and work together in an innovation lab. He said that the lab, which will be larger than the other labs, will be a unique opportunity for professors and students to try to study, collaborate, and solve real-world problems with one another. Harvard University founded their innovation lab in 2011, and Lemanski said that Westfield will bave a similar lab within the science building.

The other cbanges to the university will be the renovations to Wilson Hall and Juniper Park.

Lemanski shows off a master plan drawn by Cambridge Seven Associates, the architecture firm working on the new science building.

Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs; Sue Lamontagne, dean of students; Peter Mazza, former vice president of student affairs; and Lemanski watch the meeting from "the Bubble Room."

The renovation for Wilson, which Lemanski said would cost five to seven million dollars, will create more office spaces for professors and refurbish class rooms that really need the makeover.

He said Wilson could potentially start renovations next fall or early in the spring semester of 2016. Juniper Park renovations will start this upcoming June when Westfield State purchases the elementary school, he said.

He said the changes to Juniper will help the inferior classroom sizes accommodate college-level students and give art, music, and tbeater majors more space to have classes. This will cost the university around two million dollars, Lemanski said.

He went on to say, "some people do not think of Juniper Park as part of the Westfield State campus." By officially linking Juniper Park to the University, he said, 60,000 square feet will be added to the instructional space on campus. Lemanski brought up a diagram that showed the senators a new master drawing of what the campus may look like witb different paths and new parking lots behind Juniper as well as the disappearance of Ely Road between Dickinson Hall lot and Juniper.

Additionally, the road tbat cars normally utilize to drive by Parenzo and the Dining Commons will be

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gone.

"We hope to create a whole pedestrian traffic pattern that brings people into campus and into the heart of campus from Western Avenue," Lemanski said.

He said the artist who drew the master plan was given free reign on creating what paths and walkways might be useful to have. An example that Lemanski showed the senators was a path from the globe to Ely that crossed the green down the middle.

He said it is the artist's interpretation and is not set in stone. Megan Doerle, representative-at-large, said having a path in the middle of the green could cause problems for students who regularly use the space to play sports.

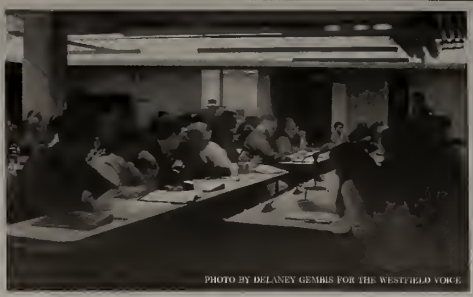
Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015, brought up concerns about the green's excessive flooding and explained that she feels it hurts the experience of prospective students touring the campus.

Lemanski said that after all these years the university is still trying to figure out a proper draining procedure to use for the green, but the right funding has yet to be found.

While these advancements for the university are in their early stages and promote excitement, Tyler Hastings, commuter council president, asked Lemanski if any fee increases on tuition would turn up soon with all the new projects. Lemanski said that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pays for the construction of new buildings. Funds to renovate and create new walking paths require private funding, he said.

The Board of Trustees, he said, have the maxim of rising tuition costs as a last resort.

Lemanski said that by March the new science building will have steel frames up, and other projects will start respectably at their assigned times. He referenced DiVico's speech that Westfield State University has not had a new academic building in over 40 years and would be glad to see new academic space.



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Senators listen to Danny Chamberlain, vice president of programming and president of the Campus Activities Board, talk about the upcoming trip to Friday's Boston Celtics game.

DiVico took over after Lemanski's 40-minute report and gave recognition to Peter D. Mazza, former vice president of student affairs, who has been a great servant to the university and a cheerleader for the Student Government.

He was in attendance for DiVico's State of the Campus address and sat for the SGA meeting.

DiVico thanked the senators for coming to the address and supporting her, the SGA organization, and the university. Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, called for a round of applause for DiVico on her speech and the whole SGA joined her.

After the madam president was finished, Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, gave his report.

He announced to the Senate that the Department of Residence Life will begin accepting the $200 Room Reservation Deposits for the next academic year.

The deadline is March 1, but the important part of the message was that Res Life will not be accepting money orders, checks, or cash; all of the transactions will be done online.

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, announced the third blood drive to be held on Feb. 11 in the Parenzo Gym from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Connolly added, again, that every donor gets a free t-shirt after donating.

Megan Doerle gave the Food Service Committee report and said Sodexo has reported that 200 bowls have gone missing in the past three weeks. She said all senators should remind their constituents not to take dining ware from the DC because Sodexo had to pay $900 to replace 200 bowls.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian, motioned to pass both amendments petitioned by Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, who wished to clear ambiguity on executive board policies.

The first amendment was to ensure prospective executive members make sure they must be physically present to attend to all duties.

Exemptions would only be made if a student were to leave the school or resign from the SGA.

The amendment passed unanimously.

The second amendment, which states; "[n]o student may hold an office of the Executive Council and be a member of the Student Security or Resident Assistant staff concurrently," was passed unanimously after Clark motioned to strike the phase, "Student Security or."

Clark pointed out that Student Security members do have flexibility to be on the executive board, whereas resident assistants would be too busy with job conflicts. The motion to strike the phrase passed unanimously.

The SGA will vote on the two amendments one more time next week to finalize them into the SGA constitution.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

SGA vice president of student life Joshua Clark defends the second of two amendments he proposed for adoption at Tuesday's meeting.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Students gathered peacefully in Southwest Residential Area after the New England Patriots' victory in Super Bowl XLIX reversing a decades-long precedent of violent riots following major sporting events involving area teams.Last week, Umass administrators publicized several policies intended to limit the possibility of a large student gathering in Southwest.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Ashley Iaconetti, a Syracuse University alumna, appeared on Monday's season premiere of "The Bachelor." According to an article on NewsChannel 9, Iaconetti also spent time at the station working as a sports intern. Iaconetti, 26, attended the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications as a graduate student and graduated in 2013.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Rent prices of nearly 3,000 University-owned apartments will increase 2 percent on average in 2015-2016, according to a press release, marking a lower percent increase than in recent years, but still continuing a decades-long trend of increasing housing prices in Boston and Cambridge.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

The cultural centers in the UConn Student Union no longer offer free printing for students. Not all of the centers offered free printing last year, but around the time that the equipment needed to be switched out last summer the remainder stopped offering free printing. When the cultural centers determined they needed new software, they switched to printers that required HuskyBucks.

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crime log

On January 26, larceny occurred between 1:15 and 1:20 p.m. in Ely Library. The case is open.

On January 29, a liquor law violation occurred at 6:40 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 30, a rape occurred at 7:00 p.m. in a residential hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct and the director of Title IX.

On January 30, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:08 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 30, a liquor law violation occurred at 9:29 p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 30, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:35 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a drug law violation occurred at 12:19 a.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a drug law violation occurred at 12:44 a.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 1:02 a.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a drug law violation occurred at 1:03 a.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 2:11 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, assault and battery occurred at 4:39 p.m. in the Woodward Center. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:21 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:30 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On January 31, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:53 p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On February 1, possession and distribution of a class C drug occurred at 12:12 a.m. in Davis Hall. A summons was mailed.

On February 1, defacing of property occurred at 12:35 a.m. in Landsdowne Place. A trespass order was issued.

On February 1, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle on an excluded way occurred at 1:25 a.m. on Davis Road. An arrest was made.

On February 1, a stop sign violation and a liquor law violation occurred at 1:32 p.m. on Davis Road. A summons was mailed.

On February 1, malicious destruction occurred at 10:10 p.m. on the campus green. The case is being investigated.

On February 1, destruction of property and larceny occurred at 11:54 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case is being investigated.

Andrae Green presents new perspective on slavery, colonialism at Westfield

From Press Release

Westfield State University will kick off its Black History Month events with the exhibit "Ocular Amblyopia" works by Jamaican artist Andrae Green at the Arno Maris Art Gallery in the Ely Campus Center. The talent that Green possesses is an inspiration to not only black children, but all people. An artist reception will be held on Thursday, February 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Jamaican-born Andrae Green began drawing at the age of three and perfected drawing the human form by studying and copying Spiderman comic books. As an undergrad at Edna Manley College of Visual and Performing Arts in Kingston, Jamaica, Green suddenly found himself drawn to a new medium: painting.

"I find that painting offers me the widest scope to express my feelings and ideas," Green said.

After earning his B.A., Green earned M.F.A. in painting at the New York Academy of Art. He relocated to the United States in 2012 and currently resides in Springfield.

Green was selected for the Vermont Studio Center Residency and the Contemporary Artist Centre (CAC) Woodside Residency in Troy, NY in 2011. His artwork has been featured in many galleries and exhibitions around the world including the 5th Beijing International Art Biennial in Beijing China, the Salon de Societe des Beaux-Arts in the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris, and the Art Gallery of Mississauga in Ontario.

"Ocular Amblyopia" centers around Green's own identity filtered through the lens of history including slavery and colonialism. In his artist statement, Green said his exhibit focuses on challenging preconceived notions.

"My work has always been concerned with seeking truth, both finding and understanding it," Green said. "Our preconceived ideas of a thing, whether it be history, science, race, religion, often colors how we will react when confronted with the actual facts of the thing itself."

Green said he chose the title of his exhibit to encourage people to take a fresh look at historical ideas and eras.

"These preconceived ideas are so powerful that they will often distort, even to the point of being illogical, how facts are interpreted," Green said. "I feel it is always important to force oneself to look with fresh eyes at the things that mean the most to you."

"Ocular Amblyopia" is one of several events on campus celebrating Black History Month.

"I feel honored that I was selected to be a part of this celebration," Green said. "Most of all I want my work to unite not divide. I know that that maybe a lofty goal, but I think if we all try to see another's point of view, no matter how difficult that it may be, we can find some common ground."

Since 1974, Westfield State has held special events during the month of February dedicated to informing students, faculty, and staff as well as the community about the importance of black history, culture, and traditions.

Black History Month is organized by a committee of faculty and staff. For more information about Black History Month events, please visit www.westfield.ma.edu/bhm.

"Ocular Amblyopia" will remain on display until February 28. The Arno Maris Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Ely Campus Center. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 2-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m. For more information, call (413) 572-4400 or visit the gallery's website http://www.westfield.ma.edu/offices/art-galleries.

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International Programs department. She acknowledged the Economics and Management students who traveled to Paris and Milan, the Education department who travelled to Puerto Rico and Costa Rica, and the History department who travelled to London and Istanbul.

Resident Assistants were praised for the hard work and persistence throughout the past two semesters.

"Our resident assistants work tirelessly for their halls and so far have already hosted 581 programs with 150 more that were already planned for January and February. These programs are available through different residence halls and are used not only for education but to build a community within the hall," DiVico said.

DiVico continued to praise other groups of students including the EMS Club for their continued service on and around campus as well as the Relay for Life Club. She mentioned that the majority of students are involved with campus clubs or activities, and every one contributes to making Westfield State feel like home.

After starting the speech with a broad acknowledgement of students, staff, and faculty members, she finished by recognizing specifics about Executive Council members. Although the Executive Council is busy in the student government, each and every member is involved with an external campus club.

"Just ask. Take a minute to ask Josh Frank about the multiple internships he has had in the four years he's been here and ask Evelyn Dina what it was like to spend a semester in Disney, ask Danny Chamberlain about what the Campus Activities Board is up to. Interested in singing in an acapella group? Olivia Dumas has information about that," DiVico said. "Have a passion for writing? Take five minutes for Matt Carlin and Josbua Clark to tell you about the work they do for the Westfield Voice. Want to know about what MTG is doing this semester, well Andrew Morin can tell you. Our interests and passions are so intricate and intertwine with all of the work we do and we want to tell you about it."

The important idea to take away from this speech is that the campus is headed in the right direction, and it has been for a while. It seems cliché to say, but Westfield State is home to many students, and it will be for many years to come.

DiVico insists, "We are not just numbers, we are not just silent members of this university. We care deeply and truly about the work we do here. Want to know more about us? Just ask."

A full transcipt of the speech delivered on Tuesday can be found on pages ten and eleven.

from the voice vault

This article was published in the December 13, 1978 issue of The Westfield State Owl.

Everyone Wins at WSC Dance-A-Thon

By Don Blair

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will receive nearly $2,800 as a result of the 16 Hour Dance Marathon which was held Saturday, November 18th in the Student Union Lounge.

According to S.U. Director Donald Ford, 45 participants started in the even with only five contestants dropping out before the marathon came to an end at 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

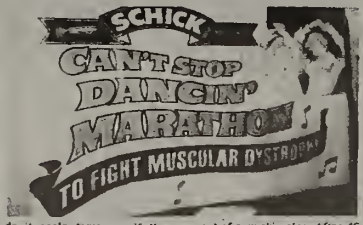
The marathon was kicked off at 9 a.m. with an address by WSC vice-president Paul Merit. Spirits were high as the students embarked on the first leg of their dancing journey. The contestants continued to dance the day away to musical selections provided by D.J.s from WSKB, the college radio station. By mid-afternoon the dance floor had taken on a choreographic effect as students performed the line hussle in unison to disco beats such as "Disco Inferno."

Rotreating to the Alumni Lounge in three separate groups for five minutes every hour, contestants munched on sandwiches provided by ARA food service. Others applied generous amounts of Ben-Gay to tired, sore muscles.

At 7:00 p.m. the dance was opened to the rest of the student body. Shortly after, the dance floor again erupted into a burning mass of humanity being consumed by disco fever.

The grueling hours were beginning to take their toll by 8:30 as several contestants had dropped out due to fatigue and one girl who suffered from a sprained ankle. By ten o'clock most of the participants received a "second wind" as the end drew closer. At midnight the hundreds of balloons which adorned the S.U. lounge fell victim to enthusiastic students who found various methods of popping them. By the end of the marathon a feeling of unity among the contestants was evident as a huge circle was formed. With arms intertwined and legs being kicked in the air there were signs of emotions as all joined in and sung the final song of the marathon "I Did It My Way."

Coordinator of the event, Janet Conti said "I've never seen so much spirit in so many dead yet happy people". The dance marathon has already been praised by many college officials as being one of the most positive actions that has occurred on the WSC campus this semester. When asked if she would consider being chairperson for the event again Ms. Conti replied, "Definately, I'd do it again tomorrow if they asked me."



A one-legged dance contest held during the marathon saw a desperate struggle between Mike Anair and Gary Braese who were competing for a set of new ski poles. After 45 minutes it was called a draw. Both contestants later went on to place first and second, respectively, in the overall competition.

Plans are already being made for next year's marathon dance which organizers say will offer a trip to Bermuda as first place prize. The winners in this years dance were:

1st - Karen Herbst/Mike Anair Raised $315.00
2nd - Kathy Hickey/Gary Braese Raised $221.00
3rd - Darleen Belton/Dana Rutherford Raised $160.00

First place winners received $150 and a trophy for their effort, second place winners took home $100 plus a trophy, while third place winners received a trophy and several albums. Sharon Birt and Mike Desrorhes placed fourth raising $152.00 and Maureen O'Leary and Frank Smolinsky finished fifth having raised $151.40. Fourth and fifth place winners received certificates and albums.

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AMERICAN IDIOT

The city of strangers – in Galway, Ireland

Nick Sarnelli
Head Copy Editor

Editors Note: This is the first in a series of columns written by Nicholas Sarnelli, Head copy Editor, who is studying abroad in Galway, Ireland

The bus doors opened and rain drops pelted my face. Simultaneously, the coastal wind pushed me from all angles, whispering "welcome to Ireland" in my ears. We grabbed our luggage from the undercarriage and the bus drove off.

This was it. We were alone. We were anxious. We were tired. And we weren't ready. Not yet anyway.

No one commented on the weather on our walk to Niland House, where we would be living. I think we all convinced ourselves that, yes, Ireland was indeed wet and rainy. We didn't, however, expect to be chilled to our very core. We had to play it off as though this is what we had expected. This is what we chose. We had to pretend to know and give no signs of our discomfort. If I had wished for anything in that moment, I think it would have been a scarf. Maybe two scarves, actually.

What comes next, readers, is to stay among us. Our first meal in Ireland was... wait for it... Burger King. I promise it was consumed purely as a survival technique. We were exhausted, and I think at that point my stomach had started eating itself. Afterward we decided naps were in order, so we went to collect ourselves. We emerged as good as new, minus our discernable jet lag.

The first night, we went out to dinner to a pub called the Dail Bar. I'm not confident that words are able to explain just how the fireplace we sat next to made us feel. That, plus our Guinness (cliché, I know) and fish and chips, seemed to thaw us, reminding me that, while the country was currently freezing, there was still a great deal of warmth to be found.

Afterward, we headed out to a more populated bar called Taaffes. Here I got a beer called Smithwicks (pronounced "Smithicks") and took in the traditional Irish music being played by the band. Oh, by the way, nearly every bar/pub has live music. Some even have three different performers in the same venue. It's incredible. It really is.

The next couple of days consisted of orientations for academics and safety and whatnot. Perhaps the best advice I took from the orientation leader was to not keep up with the Irish students' drinking. "You won't be able to," she said.

I decided to take her word for it.

You see, here it's customary to go out from Sunday night until Thursday. Fridays and Saturdays are apparently rest days. I'm not sure I understand the logic, but I don't really have much choice in the matter, do I?

So far, our favorite bars are called The Kings Head, The Quays, and The Front Door. The Kings Head is perhaps the friendliest place I've ever been. Although I often have to pay for most of my drinks, unlike my female friends, I've had my drinks refilled free of charge by bartenders, no less.

I think it goes without saying that we've become regulars here. The Quays (pronounced "keys") is a bar with live music on three different floors. They play a lot of rock and alternative music, ranging from Florence and the Machine to Journey, and they're all magnificent singers. There must be something in the water.

The Front Door is our favorite so far, speaking for the group. I'm not actually confident on how many floors there are in this bar, but I there are at least two. Regardless of which floor you're on, it's good craic. By the way, "craic" (pronounced "crack") is another way of saying fun – not to be confused with narcotics.

Anyway, the first night we went to the Front Door, my friends, Natalie and Natalia, met a girl on an opposing soccer team who they would be playing soon. She was in no way bitter about the rivalry. She was excited to play. I guess here when they say a "friendly" referring to a soccer match, they actually mean it. Just goes to show how nice everyone is here.

When we left that night, the rain outside was absolutely torrential. I had nothing but the warmth of a few beers while I fell victim to the elements. We were lead back to the Niland House a few streets over by a nice boy from Wisconsin. The rest is a bit of a wash. Pun intended.

The following day I saw the corpses of at least twenty umbrellas just on my walk to the University. I still can't decide if it was terrifying or oddly poetic. The umbrella remains seem to keep piling up as the days go on.

My walk to school along the River Corribe is one of my favorite parts about living here. The river flows rapidly and would probably drown me in moments, but the sounds it makes as it rusbes into the Atlantic are quite calming, even when one is being assaulted by an Irish hailstorm.

I should mention that on the 13th the weather shifted from snow, to sun, to hail, to rain, to sun, and back to hail in a matter of twenty minutes. And I thought New England was weird. It was both amusing and beautiful, until I had to walk back to the city centre in it.

January in Ireland is cold, of course, but not the same type of bone-chilling, incapacitating chill I've experienced in the States. In other words, stepping outside might raise the hairs on the back of my neck, but it doesn't hurt like New England.

Galway, the city I'm staying in, means "the city of strangers" in Gaelic. While there are many Irish people here, I've also come across several Americans and people from Jamaica, Asia, Great Britain, Russia, Poland, Brazil, France, and Australia. Also, I think it is definitely worth mentioning that every Irish person I've spoken to who knows that I'm gay has been very welcoming. Not only have I not received a judgmental comment from anyone, but I haven't even received a condemning look either, even though the majority of the population here are Catholic.

I feel so accepted here, and I love every second of it. Ireland gives me hope in humanity, if that's not entirely too dramatic.

As I type now, I take breaks to clutch my takeaway cappuccino for warmth, yet somehow I'm happy. No, not happy but euphoric.

I've only been here for a week, but I'm entirely captivated by this country.

Mom, if you're reading this, I promise I'll come home in May. What I can't promise, though, is that I won't return to the city of strangers every chance I get. I'll take you with me, of course.

Buying organic: the "clean 15"

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

Buying fruits and vegetables that are organic can become pricy and challenging. While it is important to note that organic foods do not generally contain harmful pesticides, it is also important to mention that not all produce contain the same levels of chemicals. Some fruits and vegetables should be purchased organically because of the high levels of pesticides. Although there are some produce items that have lower chemical levels, they are not worth the extra money.

According to a study in Sboppers' Guide to Pesticides in Produce (2014), a pesticide test was performed on produce and collected by federal agencies over the past nine years which classified certain fruits and vegetables as being either "clean" or "dirty." Tbe collected data took into account how people wash and prepare their produce. Of the different fruit and vegetable categories tested, the following 15 are considered to have the lowest pesticide amounts.

"The Clean Fifteen"

- Avocados
- Sweet corn
- Pineapples
- Cabbage
- Sweet peas (frozen)
- Onions
- Asparagus
- Mangoes
- Papayas
- Kiwi
- Eggplant
- Grapefruit
- Cantaloupe (domestic)
- Cauliflower
- Sweet potatoes

The following fruits and vegetables are considered to contain high levels of pesticides and should be purchased organically whenever possible.

"The Dirty Dozen"

- Apples
- Grapes
- Celery
- Spinach
- Sweet bell peppers
- Nectarines (imported)
- Cucumbers
- Cherry tomatoes
- Snap peas (imported)
- Potatoes
- Strawberries
- Peaches
- Spinach

It is important to take precautions regarding pesticides because there is a growingw concern among organizations, such as the EWG, tbat even small doses of pesticides and other chemicals can have negative effects on health.

Periods of development such as fetal and childhood development are especially vulnerable. While there are concerns surrounding large amounts of pesticides and herbicides being used on the farms growing produce included in the "clean 15", it is hard to be completely pesticide free. It is important to be aware of the fruits and vegetables containing the highest concentrations of pesticides, and avoid them when you can.

gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

I'm worried that my roommate is thinking about leaving me because my snoring is reaching epic proportions. She woke me up the other night in a fit of rage because the snores had disturbed her. How can I stop this unbecoming quality of my slumber?

Love,
Snorlax

Dearest Snorlax,

This seems like quite a predicament! Lucky for you, your girl Gail is here with some magical snoring remedies. After all, as my husband will tell you, snoring can erect major problems in a marriage. Mr. Gail tried out these few tips and they worked like a charm.

Firstly, try adjusting your sleeping position. Laying on your side rather than your back will help keep the snoring at bay. WebMD suggests cutting out alcohol consumption before bedtime, but I do not recommend this solution! Gail is here to help, not ruin your life. Lastly, you can try Breathe Right strips or a Neti Pot. Once your roommate sees that you've spent some dough to fix this issue, she should appreciate your dedication to making the relationship work.

If all else fails, fashion some earplugs for her with cotton balls and wax. My philosophy is that there's no college-related problem that can't be fixed with a good pair of earplugs.

Best of luck!
Ya girl Gail

Dear Gail,

Help! It seems that I have fallen for a boy with an excellent personality. Unfortunately, he's not what one would call "easy on the eyes." I'm not a vain person, but I worry that my acquaintances will presume I've settled or become too desperate. I'm sure you know how judgmental college students can be. Should I continue pursuing him, or should I abandon ship?

Sincerely,
20/20 Eyesight

Dear Eyesight,

As someone who's struggled with self-image in the past, your girl Gail here can help. As Selena Gomez once said, "the heart wants what the heart wants", so you should not limit yourself in your pursuits to people who are attractive to the eyes.

People who are generally seen as "ugly" have a lot to offer. For instance, they make you look more attractive... I jest, I jest.

Still, homely people can sometimes be overlooked, and they don't get a chance to show off their personalities. As a result, the typical competition between other possible mates that goes hand-in-hand with a new romance is unlikely.

Your figurative heart is a capricious and enigmatic organ. You cannot go against what your heart tells you because when you do find the more attractive mate, you are always going to go back to the "one who got away," which in this case, might just be the "one who is not easy on the eyes."

Hope this helps your shallow judgmental crotchetiness,
Ya girl Gail

from the editors' desks

The Globe as it was an Monday afternoon.

"The Globe," as it is commonly referred to, is the focal point of Westfield State University both on and off campus. The image is posted on brochures, websites, and advertisements and is directly associated with the campus.

Students have taken to surrounding the globe for celebrations in the past for events like the Red Sox's winning of the World Series in 2013 and the Bruins' winning of the Stanley Cup in 2011. However, the Globe has survived major vandalism and damages up until the Patriots' winning of this year's Super Bowl.

Videos posted on Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter show groups of students climbing into and on the globe, rocking it back and forth, and throwing snowballs and bottles at it.

A sculpture that was given to the campus in the 1990s by Stanhome Inc., a sales company based out of Westfield, it used to stand in the company's lobby. After its donation, an article was published in the Union-News stating that it was believed to be "the largest free-standing globe in the world."

Originally placed in the Ely Campus Center, the globe was moved to the center of the campus green in 2008.

While the globe may be a prominent campus symbol, it does not give students the right to damage or deliberately vandalize it. Most students that I have talked to have expressed their disapproval of their classmates' actions and stand behind President Liz Preston and other administrators in their attempt to reprimand those responsible.

Those students would also like to see the campus administrators work with students to create a new globe or a replacement for the old one.

A rebuilding process that encompasses the thoughts and ideas of the student body will not only give a greater sense of unity to Westfield State, but it will also prevent, or at least deter, future damages.

The simple explanation is that students will not damage a landmark that they had a hand in creating.

However, a monument that both the campus administrators and students can relate to will prevent an event like this from happening in the future.

It is a shame what students have done to their campus; however, in the end it may turn into a positive collaboration of minds on Western Avenue, as it was in 1990.

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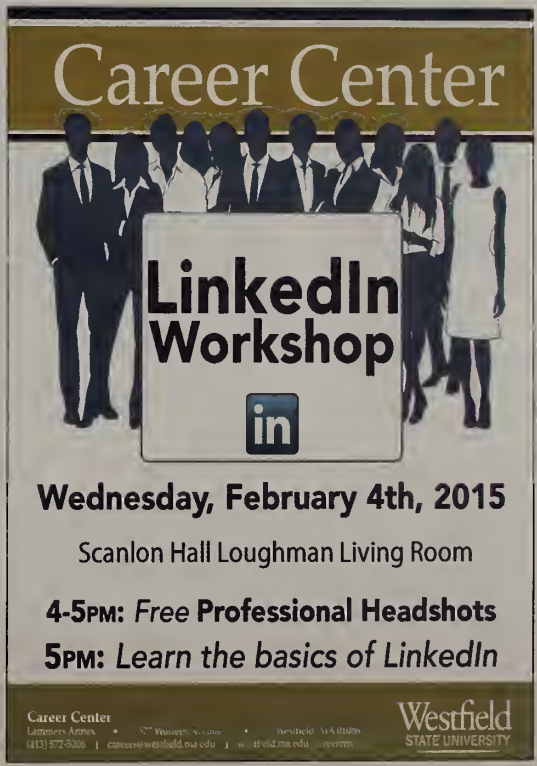

State of the Campus address as given by Rebecca DiVico, Student Government president

Editor's Note: The following is address delivered by Rebecca DiVico, president of the Student Government Association on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at Dever Stage. The content has not been edited by the staff of this newspaper.

I'd like to start out with a quote from one of our first year students, Sharleen Varghese:

"Westfield State isn't just a University, but a tight-knit community where you never fail to find a friendly and familiar face. Westfield State University has made a huge impact on my life by encouraging me to assert my talents and get involved. Getting involved with various clubs and organizations throughout campus, such as SGA has helped transition into college life and make new friends. I'm really glad that I decided to attend Westfield State University."

Good afternoon students, faculty, staff, administration, and guests to the fourth annual State of the Campus Address. I am honored to be speaking with you all today and to be representing the student body. I would like to specifically welcome Peter Mazza, who our Student Government Association room is dedicated to, thank you for being here tonight. This has been a wonderful and exciting year for Westfield State University. I continue to be amazed by the hard work that our community accomplishes each and every day and I am excited to be able to share it with all of you tonight.

This university offers incredible opportunities for its students. Students here are not just attending class Monday through Friday. We are winning awards, working on extensive research projects, competing on sports teams, creating pieces of art, advocating for public higher education, and so much more. The community at this school is full of pride and I am excited to be able to highlight a few of the many accomplishments our students have made.

While I will continue to talk about the great work that our students do, I feel it beyond necessary to take a moment to speak about a certain administrator. Westfield State has been blessed to have Dr. Elizabeth Preston as our Interim President for the past year. Dr. Preston has been working at the university for over 20 years in various positions. She was a tenured professor in the Communication Department, served three terms as department chair, and then served for 4 years as the Vice President of Academic Affairs before assuming the role as Interim President in November of 2013.

Dr. Preston has given the school a breath of fresh air with her innovative ideas and her positive attitude. Her transparent approach is appreciated with her university wide e-mails with information pertaining to all areas of the campus and she has even worked with the All University Committee to participate in Town Hall style meetings during the semester where she takes questions from the campus community. We have been very lucky to have her in this position.

As much as we adore Dr. Preston as our president, we must remember that she is in an interim position. A Presidential Search Committee was formed during the end of the fall semester. This committee consists of trustees, faculty, staff, and students. They are in the beginning stages but they have recommended the presidential search firm "Diversified" to be chosen. The Board of Trustees will vote on this choice on Thursday, February 5. I have faith that this committee will pick a strong and student driven leader for our school.

Westfield State goes above and beyond to give its students a private education at a public cost. Earlier this year, Westfield State University and Springfield Technical Community College partnered with something called the President's MassTransfer Agreement. Students that complete their associate's degree at STCC and transfer directly to Westfield State can complete their bachelor's degree at a price not exceeding $30,000 starting in fall 2015. MassTransfer is a statewide program implemented by the Department of Higher Education and was created so that the transition process from a community college to any Massachusetts state college or University of Massachusetts campus is easier and more attainable for students. As of last week, this is now possible between Westfield State and Holyoke Community College as well.

We are an ever growing campus. As you may have noticed, there is a giant construction site right in front of Wilson Hall. That plot of land will house the newest academic building in 40 years. As we know, STEM programs are rising and now there is a higher need for these careers. This building will house state-of-the-art labs for our variety of science concentrations as well as incredible simulation labs for the Nursing and Allied Health Science programs. Although this building is focused on the sciences, all students have the ability to utilize this building because of its new study rooms and its accessibility to Wilson Hall. This $33 million dollar, 54,000 square foot building will be ready for use in August of 2016. Wilson Hall classrooms and faculty offices will also be renovated as a part of this construction process.

This has been the year of sustainability for Westfield State. Our strategic plan calls the University to "be a role model for how higher education can lead in sustainability" and we are succeeding in that goal. Just last semester, our brand new residence hall, University Hall, received LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Gold certification status. LEED is a certification program that rates buildings on their environmental efficiency and University Hall is currently at the second highest rank that is offered. Our sustainability committee is also working hard to increase the amount of locally sourced food on our campus and expanding our farm share program.

In the Recycle Mania Tournament's 8 week competition, Westfield State University was ranked #1 in the United States for paper recycling and ranked 4th in can and bottle recycling. This is our best ranking since our entry into the tournament in 2010. The kickoff competition for this year began on February 1st and runs until March 28th; let's continue to hold our first place ranking for a second year in a row.

The education that students earn here is something to be in awe of. We aren't sitting in classrooms and reading from textbooks all day. Last semester, 34 students worked in a First Year Composition based Physical Geography class and ventured to Stanley Park to combine learning with a civic engagement component. They surveyed landforms, soils, vegetation, and microclimates through lab work, met with the Stanley Park Board Members and staff to learn about the responsibilities of maintaining the park and its operations, and participated in service projects that benefited the park. Through this civic engagement experience, our students had a hands- on understanding of the geographic processes and how the park and the university help benefit one another. Because of the great feedback, this class will be offered again in fall of 2015.

The Exercise Science Program has been incredibly active during this year. Last May, Dr. Roti took 15 students to the American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting and World Congress on Exercise and Medicine in Orlando Florida. 6 of those students were able to create and present posters on their individual research that they had made at Westfield State.

Our nursing students participated in multiple local flu clinics and were able to administer close to 1000 flu shots to the general public." They are also planning their second mission trip for students to go to Guatemala in March of 2015 to provide medical care, build wheelchairs, install water filters in towns, and feed orphans for the week. There will be a fundraising dinner to help raise funds for the supplies on February 21st in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

As you can tell, our students are not confined within the walls of our academic buildings. What is even more amazing is that they aren't limited to learning within just Western MA. Sara Pahs, the SGA Parliamentarian, spent two weeks in Washington DC for a winter course. She said this about the course:

"Not only did I get to spend a week in DC, I also had the opportunity and privilege of touring federal agencies and speaking with those who worked there. I had to the chance to visit Interpol, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the United States Marshal Service, and many other federal agencies. At each agency, the class was prepared with the background of the places we visited as well as questions to ask the agents about their jobs and current issues that the agency is facing. Probably one of my favorite parts of the trip was being able to go into the FBI Field Office. This building is inaccessible to the general public as a whole and getting an invitation to tour the building is very rare."

When I asked what impacted her about this trip she said:

"I was able to figure out what government jobs I would enjoy doing and found jobs that I may not be cut out for. However probably the biggest benefit I got from the trip was the networking. I have made a few contacts in the agencies that I can use for assistance when I am applying for jobs down the road."

Westfield State is traveling out of Western MA and all over the United States but we are also traveling all over the world. Cynthia Siegler, the director of the International Programs and Student Exchange office was kind enough to give me some great stats about where our students have been over the past year:

- Economics and Management students have traveled to Faris and Milan to study International Business with a fashion industry focus.
- The education department went to Puerto Rico for the first time. They were immersed in the Spanish language and this allowed them to participate in a civic engagement project for the local community.
- Both the Education and the Biology department traveled to Costa Rica. Education students and faculty returned for the 5th time for a service learning trip while Biology students went to study different ecosystems and learn about food production.
- For the first time ever, the History department offered students the opportunity to travel with a faculty archeologist and a faculty historian to explore the historic cities of London and Istanbul.
- Students traveled for the 5th time to Granada, Nicaragua during the winter session. One of our 2018 Representatives to SGA, Jess Hannam attended the trip to Nicaragua and I asked her for her experiences and this is what she had to say:

"There are no words to truly sum up my experience in Nicaragua , because it turned out to be so much more than just class credits. It became a journey of a lifetime. Even though the culture is different wherever you go in the world, it's the people that you will always find connections with. I feel so lucky to say that I have made some lifelong friends that I can only hope to meet again.

Through teaching, excursions, ziplining, sightseeing, and most importantly, rigorous shoveling, I think I can speak for the entire class in saying that we have been changed for the better. There are some values that a simple classroom setting can't quite cover, and the International Programs here at Westfield State University has given our students the opportunity to experience these things. That's why I am proud to be an Owl!"

Students like Sara and Jess are the reason that our International Programs department is continuing to grow. Our students are studying in places like Australia, China, Cyprus, England, Ireland, Italy, Poland, and so many other places and they are bringing back their enriching experiences which in turn excite other students to study abroad. If you are interested in experiencing a different culture or maybe just a different state, the International Programs Office invites you to the Welcome Back Reception on February 17th from 4:30 to 6 in Scanlon Hall. You'll get the opportunity to hear from even more students on their experiences.

Westfield State students are doing amazing things in their academics but also in their extracurriculars. Our resident assistances work tirelessly for

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their halls and so far have already hosted 581 programs with 150 more that were already planned for January and February. These programs are available through different residence halls and are used not only for education but to build a community within the hall. Programs varied from a car maintenance how to by Class of 2015 President and New Hall Resident Assistant Rich Darrach, to a Pancake Sundae Bar by RA Jessica Weaver. Our resident assistants care deeply about their buildings and the students that live there.

Our New Student Orientation team expanded incredibly last summer. Orientation Leaders come back to campus for three weeks during the summer to ensure that the incoming group of first years have a positive first experience at Westfield. For the first time ever, registration for orientation was completely paperless and happened all through the myWestfield portal. The summer 2014 program hosted nearly 1100 students during the 4 June sessions and another 100 students in August. Val Tremblay, the New Student Orientation Coordinator, is continuously working on the program so that our students are having the best possible experience they can.

Our Athletics' department has been especially impressive this year. 300 out of 474 varsity athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the fall 2014 semester.

Our men and women's cross country teams won the MASCAC championships and our women's soccer team qualified for the ECAC tournament and advanced to the semifinals. Sarah Sypek, a senior soccer player, was named to the Academic All-America team. Troy Cutter, senior, and Greg Sheridan, junior, from the football team were named to the Academic All-District team. Earlier this year Thomas McCabe, a student athlete, created a research project with our football team and is in the process of analyzing his data. This research will hopefully be able to give recommendations to what football techniques are crucial for professional players. This is the first time that the Movement Science department and the Athletic department have collaborated to find data that will help both their departments. And as of right now both of our men and women's basketball teams are undefeated and in first place in their league standings.

Kelsey Carpenter, a senior member of the Field Hockey and Softball team, is one of twenty-four members on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (In January she attended the NCAA Convention where NCAA Collegiate Institutions across the country vote on bylaw changes. She addressed the 540 Division III Institutions in attendance at the business session on the SAAC position of bylaw #9 dealing with recruiting contacts. Kelsey is an exceptional student-athlete and made Westfield State proud at this convention.

I am so proud of all the hard work and community service that this university contributes each year. Our clubs and organizations work tirelessly each year to donate to charities and enrich their members' experiences. The senior class is working diligently on the 4th annual Mr. Westfield pageant and they have a goal of raising $7,500 to help grant a wish for the Make A Wish Foundation. The first year class had an event called Cards for a Cause where about 40 students helped make cards for the troops and they will be helping the junior class with their Buzz Off For Cancer Event in April.

This past October, the Exercise Science Club with the Athletics Department hosted the first "Open Athlete Testing" days which is a service learning initiative where Exercise Science students provide free testing to any student who wanted their athletic abilities and fitness tested. The event had over 90 students over two nights. Due to its success and student interest, the event will become a bi-yearly event with the next one coming up in March.

Our Relay For Life club hosted their first Relay For Life walk in April 2014. For those who don't know, Relay is an international overnight walk that raises money for the American Cancer Society. The money raised goes toward cancer research, education, advocacy, etc. The club's first walk hosted 375 participants and raised over $44,000 which was more than twice their goal. This year's walk will take place on April 17 at 6pm at the Woodward Center. They are aiming to raise $55,000 this year.

Our Musical Theatre Guild had a very busy semester. They had a successful production of their fall show "9 to 5" directed by senior club members Beth Teague and Allison O'Neil. For the first time in the club's history, MTG competed in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. A representative from this festival came to see the show, evaluated it, and then nominated members to perform and compete for the Irene Acting scholarship.

We have students that take time out of their days and nights to help keep the campus safe. Our EMS club is a group of 60 students volunteering their time to cover the campus 6 days a week, an additional 2 days since last year. Since the beginning of the year they have responded to 129 calls and they are on track to have a record breaking number of responses this year. The students of the EMS club are some of the most hardworking on campus and we appreciate their continuous efforts to keep this campus safe.

Our Student Government Association is the biggest of all the Massachusetts state colleges. We are a group of around 80 students that represent all areas of the Westfield State. The SGA is a tireless group that has a passion for making sure that student voices are heard and that we are represented thoroughly. We have our meetings each Tuesday at 5:30 in our SGA room, located right next to Dunkin Donuts in Ely and I encourage you all to attend a meeting at least once. Come see what our student groups are doing, hear what committees are reporting on, and open your eyes to the incredible passion that students have for this university. Along with our meetings, we have a fund specific for supplementing student travel for conferences. To date we were able to supply roughly $19,300 for 213 students to go to 13 different conferences, and there are funds still available. We are an entertaining group of people and we are always looking to expand so if you are interested in joining please come see me or anyone in SGA to figure out how to get involved.

Our school does a wonderful job of reaching out into the community. The Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program, otherwise known as ICE, is a program for students aged 18-22 with disabilities. These students who would have normally stayed in high school have the opportunity to come experience college in an academic and social sense. The program has grown four times its original size and 4 of its students have graduated during the last semester. The peer mentors of the ICE program have recently created a club called PEaCEs and they have successfully hosted events for ICE students outside of the classroom.

Back in October, a handful of students, administration, and faculty were invited to Agawam Junior High School. Agawam Junior High classrooms are split into teams with a college theme. This was the efforts of the faculty to help inspire the students of to prepare for college and WSU was lucky enough to have a team named after them. Westfield State students answered questions in their auditorium and then were split up into different classes to talk to the Agawam students and answer additional questions they had about college life. Agawam Junior High students and staff were so excited to have Westfield attend and we were excited to be able to work with these kids who were already planning on going to college at such a young age.

The Student Ambassador program here at Westfield is a group of service minded students that work with the University and our surrounding community. Recently, our ambassadors worked with Huntington's Littleville Elementary School in a mentoring program. While mentoring, they incorporated a service learning project at the school. This project was to benefit the Hope for Limpopo organization in South Africa which helps impoverished women and children. The student ambassadors, with the help of a grant from the Kiwanis of Greater Westfield, bought 20 pairs of TOMS shoes and had the students of Littleville hand paint each pair which are now being auctioned off.

As you can see, clubs and organizations here are not just working to better themselves. They make it apart of their efforts to also fundraise and help out our community. I'd like to take a moment to talk about a few more charitable contributions that clubs on this campus have made:

- The Dance Company made close to $900 last November during their fall recital. This money was donated to go to Matthew's Hearts of Hope Foundation to raise awareness of Congenital Heart Defects.
- The Student Government Association collected donations for our annual Turkey Drive and raised $1900 and were able to purchase 110 turkeys to donate to the Westfield Chapter of the Salvation Army for local families in need.
- Students in Circle K Club went door to door on campus and raised money for UNICEF in October.

and

- Members of the Convoy of Hope Club did volunteer work in November at the Fight for Air Climb in Springfield for the American Lung Association.

I wish I had more time to tell you each and every amazing thing that our students do but I know that that would take forever. I hope that with just some of these examples, you can see how much we care about not only our individual groups, but the community of Westfield State and that outside of our campus.

I'd like to take a few minutes to read excerpts from students other than myself. I asked some SGA members if they would tell me what Westfield State means to them. Too often to we hear statistics and facts about this school, but not enough about what this university means to the lives of the people that live here.

Brendan McKee, member of the class of 2018 and Davis Hall President, explained to me that:

"After having spent years trying to find an environment where I was truly accepted and surrounded by considerate people with similar goals, Westfield State gave me this opportunity. This experience has meant the world to me in so many ways, ranging from the simple greeting that everyone shares with one another to the intricate stories that cause people to bond and be friends for life. Witnessing the great sense of community and togetherness first hand has provided me with much more pleasure and self-esteem that I believe I would've gained at any other university. Every day is a great day at Westfield, because it's assured that at least one person will do something to put a smile on my face."

Alex Doming, sophomore, Representative at Large, and Lammers Hall RA, said:

"At Westfield State, I've been lucky enough to make durable connections with people who value my personal, professional, and intellectual contributions to the University. Realistically speaking, most people on this campus know who I am and it's incredibly exciting to see people light up with joy when I say hello or wave at them. I don't know if I would be able exude such a positive level of influence at another institution, and that's why I appreciate the community of Westfield State University so much."

I am so proud to represent students like Sharleen, Brendan, Alex, and the rest of the student body at Westfield State. We are not just numbers, we are not just silent members of this university. We care deeply and truly about the work we do here. Want to know more about us? Just ask.

Take a minute to ask Josh Frank about the multiple internships he has had in the four years he's been here and ask Evelyn Dina what it was like to spend a semester in Disney.

Ask Danny Chamberlain about what the Campus Activities Board is up to.

Interested in singing in an acapella group? Olivia Dumas has information about that.

Have a passion for writing? Take five minutes for Matt Carlin and Joshua Clark to tell you about the work they do for the Westfield Voice.

Want to know about what MTG is doing this semester, well Andrew Morin can tell you.

Our interests and passions are so intricate and intertwine with all of the work we do and we want to tell you about it.

I want to thank each and every one of you for attending today to hear about that amazing things that Westfield has done thus far.

A special thank you to my family for traveling from Belchertown and from Boston to come listen to me speak about a place that I am proud to call my home. Another special thank you to those of you from my high school that have attended, without your guidance then, there's no way I'd be where I am now.

I am so lucky to call Westfield State my home and to have to opportunity to brag about how amazing it is today.

Thank you for attending, and have a wonderful evening.

January is a rear view mirror

Ben Stohr
Voice Reporter

Picture yourself driving a car down a long and unfamiliar road. You are not entirely sure where you are going; you might have an idea, but it is impossible to really know for sure. The only thing you know is where you have been and how you made it this far on your trip. Your car may be different than mine.

It could be stylish and new with fancy gadgets like heated steering wheels and touchscreen interfaces. Perhaps it is a mini-van with seemingly permanent stains ranging from grape juice and baby formula to god knows what else. It could be a sports car loudly screaming, "MID-LIFE CRISIS," from miles away.

Maybe it is an old classic that is rough around the edges and past its prime, but not without character and good stories to tell. Regardless of what vehicle you might be in, there is one thing in every car that allows you to reflect on the road already traveled: your rearview mirror. And if the month of January were an auto part, I assure you it would be that mirror.

When looking back, there are always going to be some things you may or may not want to hold on to; but no one is forcing you to look. Reflection is entirely what you make of it. Appreciate the things that got you this far, and leave behind the baggage that weighed you down in 2014.

There may have been a breakdown, a break-up, or just a plain broken bone. There may have been a tune-up, an upgrade, or a problem that left you up in arms.

You might have coasted downhill in neutral while letting your hair blow in the breeze with the windows down, or, instead, you might have struggled to shift gears while climbing a hopeless-looking hill.

There may have been moments that made everything slow down. You might have seen an accident or two along the way, and maybe the driver did not make it. There may have been other moments that left you saying, "That was a close one." The roads may have been icy making you skid, but not crash.

Smile at the helping hands that were lent to you, and leave the ones that only brought you trouble hanging. It is a lot easier to see the height of a mountain peak than the depth of a desolate valley when checking your mirror. A coincidence? I do not think so. We are meant to appreciate all the success that the past has brought us, and to let our low points be almost forgotten.

I say almost, because there is importance lying within our lowest points.

After all, some of the most important lessons life can teach us come shortly after life kicks us to the curb and steals our lunch money.

The beauty of a rearview mirror is you do not have to stare into it for the whole drive. Not only would it be dangerous, but it would also make it impossible to appreciate the scene in front of you. I mean there must be a reason why that little rectangular mirror seems comically small when compared to the windshield.

Sure, there will always be some pit stops along the way. These much-needed breaks may be short, but sometimes they make all the difference. Life in the driver's seat would be hell without those little breaks we often take for granted, whether they be stopping for some coffee, or making a call home just to check in and say hello. Most importantly are the people that you spent time with. The ones that made time move faster, and the ones that helped create memories you won't forget.

Be careful of some hidden potholes; although, I'm sure we will all hit a few. And as January comes to a close, do not forget to reflect on last year's drive.

Soon enough February will be here, and the idea of reflection will be all but forgotten. We will be another full month into this year's road trip and caught up in the chaos of the every day drive we are a part of.

It is not about the vehicle we are in, or even the unknown destination.

It is about the drive ahead of us, and the road we took to get this far.

Who knows what we will see along the way. So, without sounding too much like a middle-aged Driver's Ed instructor, remember to check your mirrors.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

League of Women Voters of Mass. throwing video contest for children to propose new laws to Mass. General Court

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

The Milbury Sutton Chronicle stated this week that, "with the start of a new legislative session on Beacon Hill this month, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA) is launching its "There Oughta Be A Law!" student video contest, an opportunity for high school students around the Commonwealth to let MA state legislators know what's on their minds.

LWVMA invites all Massachusetts high school students to create two-minute videos proposing new laws to keep our state great.

The three top winners will be awarded $1000, $500, and $250, and their videos will be publicized by LWVMA."

I think this is a great idea. It is a wonderful initiative to reach girls who are in the education system since different schools display different backgrounds and needs.

These children are the future faces of the leaders of our future, and the problems that affect them are felt by tens of thousands.

Cash prizes are a great incentive for students, they will really get the students thinking about the biggest problems they face and what they would like to change.

I also think that the challenge will help students think creatively, and work collectively, to resolve issues for their generation.

Children are free of agendas and personal gains, but they are not stupid.

They certainly know right from wrong in the purest sense, and learning about issues that they see on a day-to-day basis is a great way to target the problem.

However, how are the judges selecting the "best" ideas? What if some decide that the same issue and resolution is to be made?

Are they selecting this on impact, gender, or their own agendas? These are all things to consider, and I am looking forward to the winners of this competition.

"Since its founding in 1920, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has been a respected and trusted voice for citizen participation in our democracy," says their website, "LVWMA has been at the forefront of efforts to empower and educate Massachusetts voters and effect change on a wide range of issues, including election laws and campaign finance, natural resources and the environment, women's health, children's issues, state budget and finances, public education, and public safety."

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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
2. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
3. Take Me To Church - Hozier
4. Blank Space - Taylor Swift
5. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
6. Sugar - Maroon 5
7. Lips Are Movin - Meghan Trainor
8. I'm Not The Only One - Sam Smith
9. Jealous - Nick Jonas
10. Centuries - Fall Out Boy

top 10 albums

1. American Beauty/American Psycho - Fall Out Boy
2. 1989 - Taylor Swift
3. Title - Meghan Trainor
4. X - Ed Sheeran
5. B4.Da.$$ - Joey Bada$$
6. The Pinkprint - Nicki Minaj
7. What A Terrible World, What A Beautiful World - The Decemberists
8. The Pale Emperor - Marilyn Manson
9. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
10. Uptown Special - Mark Ronson

box office

1. American Sniper
2. Paddington
3. Project Almanac
4. Black or White
5. The Boy Next Door
6. The Wedding Ringer
7. The Imitation Game
8. Taken 3
9. Strange Magic
10. The Loft

upcoming releases

1. The Best of Me
2. Dracula Untold
3. John Wick
4. Ouija
5. ABCs of Death 2
6. Dear White People
7. The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby: Her
8. Coffee Town
9. Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain
10. Exists

Big Hero 6: Spoiler Alert

Nathan Benoit
Voice Columnist

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Big Hero Six is one of the newest Disney animated films and is just as good as the rest. This movie is filled with laughter, action, and emotion.

The movie revolves around a boy named Hiro.

He is your typical kid genius who does not know how to unlock his true potential. Tadashi, his big brother, is his only motivator and, unfortunately, dies.

I liked this choice because the character of Hiro, who had no idea what to do with his life, has now lost his biggest supporter and must figure out who he is on his own.

His brother was everything he is not – or so Hiro thinks.

The movie also has great comedy coming mostly from the robot Baymax.

He is an electronic nurse with an inflatable outer skin that Tadashi built, and he helps Hiro on his journey.

He is very polite, but has no grasp of human emotions making him a very funny character.

For example, in one scene he could not fit through a window, so he had to "let out air" which comically sounded like passing gas.

Another funny scene is when they find out that Fred, a fool who works as the mascot for a prestigious school, is actually a millionaire.

This movie, like many other Disney movies, not only caters to kids, but also to adults.

Mature humor can be seen when Baymax tells Hiro that he is probably going through puberty and will experience "urges."

The action is superb in this movie, especially when the six heroes fight the bad guy.

The six heroes are: Fred, who wears a lizard suit that breathes fire; Go Go, who wears disks on her wrist and ankles; Wasabi, who uses Laser swords; and Honey Lemon who uses sticky bombs.

The bad guy's powers are also cool because he can control a bunch of miniature robots with a mind-controlled device.

The only down side to this film is that it was slightly predictable.

With the brother being so perfect and giving Hiro encouraging advice, you kind of knew he was a goner.

I liked this movie a lot because its message that you can be anything you want to be if you work hard enough is very strong.

This movie gets a solid nine out of ten because it was pretty close to perfect.

from the voice vault

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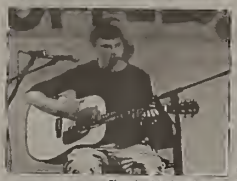
Coffehouse showcases freestyle for first time

-Photo by Matthew Bernat

Alex Napoleon raps to the crowd about 'Small town living'

-Photo by Matthew Bernat

Matt Page gets carried away by the music



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By Matthew Bernat
Editor In Chief

The Ely man lounge looked more like a scene from "8 Mile" for the half hour that Alex Napoleon and others took to the mic to perform free style rap during the coffeehouse on October 6.

Westfield State College coffeehouses of the past have traditionally only drawn performers who play guitar solo or with bands.

Napoleon, a criminal justice major, called on the audience to form a semi-circle around the stage before he performed his original material. Halfway through his set Napoleon called up anyone who was willing to try some freestyle.

Kyle "Red" Benson, 21, of Windsor Conn. and D.N.A. also of Conn. answered Napoleon's call and stepped up to pass the mic between them. Benson has been rapping, "For two years off and on. I spin whenever I can, wherever there's a large crowd of people."

Cheering and dancing the crowd loved the freestyle sessions as much as Napoleon's written raps. At one point 6 students were on stage free styling.

Immediately after his set Napoleon had a large portion of the crowd stay to congratulate him. Napoleon said he first started rapping this past summer in his hometown of Southborough Mass. He said, "it's nothing serious, any opportunity I get (I'll rap)."

Sophomore Matt Page was the first performer of the evening. He did solo acoustic covers of Elvis', 'That's Alright Mama', 'Blackbird' by the Beatles and closed with 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'.

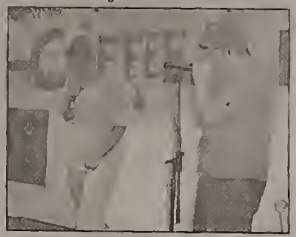
Page said he has been playing for almost 5 years. "I like the classic rock but right now I'm into classical music. I'm learning a lot from it right now," he said referring to his playing style. Page said he wants to play every coffeehouse this year.

Following Page was Mike Duffy, another solo act. Duffy is a freshman and this is his first coffeehouse. He began with 'Hotel California' by the Eagles and asked the audience for requests.

Duffy also played 'Lying in our Graves' by the Dave Matthews Band, 'Your Song' by Elton John and two Simon and Garfunkel songs, 'Red Rubber Ball' and 'The Sound of Silence'.

Duffy heard about the coffeehouse from Page.

The band "Scenic Route" followed Duffy. The band is Tim Messier, Mark Roy and Josh Messier, Tim's younger brother, all of Palmer Mass. They played 'Echo off the Wall' and 'I Wander' both originals written by the band.



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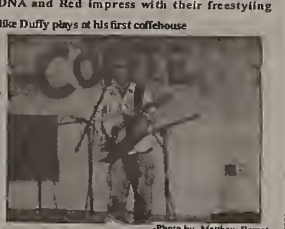
DNA and Red impress with their freestyling

Mike Duffy plays at his first coffehouse



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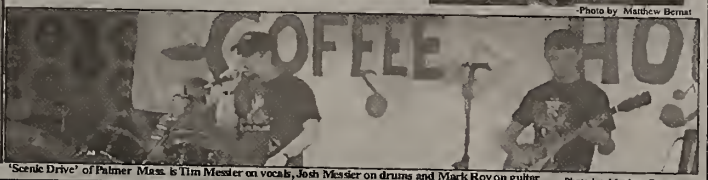

'Scenic Drive' of Palmer Mass. is Tim Messier on vocals, Josh Messier on drums and Mark Roy on guitar -Photo by Matthew Bernat

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owls athletics

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Owls win streak hits double digits against Bridgewater State

WSU Athletic Department

Sophomore guard Jill Valley (Orange, Mass.) scored 20 points off the bench to lead the visiting Westfield State University women's basketball team to a 56-49 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) victory over Bridgewater State University on Tuesday evening at the Tinsley Center.

The Owls improve to 16-4 on the season with their tenth straight win and remain unbeaten in conference play with an 8-0 MASCAC mark. Westfield has a two-game lead in the standings with four conference games remaining. With the loss, the Bears fall to 12-8 overall and 6-2 in the MASCAC.

Valley connected on 5 of 11 field goal attempts and was a perfect 10-for-10 at the free throw line.

Senior guard Jen Ashton (Beverly, Mass.) added 13 points, six rebounds and four assists for the Owls, while junior center Forbasaw Nkamebo (Amherst, Mass.) posted a double-double with ten points and ten boards.

BSU senior forward Megan Boutilette (Charlton, Mass.) notched her sixth double-double of the season to pace the hosts. Boutilette recorded 14 points and ten rebounds to go along with two assists, a blocked shot and three steals.

Junior guard Vanesa Conceicao (New Bedford, Mass.) chipped in with 11 points as she was the only other Bears in double-figure scoring.

Both teams struggled with their shooting as the Owls shot just 33% (18-54) from the floor, while the Bears connected on 36% (21-58) of their field goal attempts. Westfield had a huge advantage at the free throw line, outscoring the Bears, 19-4, from the charity stripe.

The first half was closely contested with neither team holding a lead of any significance as there were four ties and five lead changes.

The Bears held a 12-7 advantage following a Rachel Kusz (Worcester, Mass.) three-pointer a little more than six minutes into the period.

The Owls biggest lead came less than a minute into the game as Ashton opened the scoring with a trifecta. A driving layup by Boutilette followed by a Chanelle Melton (Brockton, Mass.) jumper in the final minute closed out the opening stanza as the Bears led 26-24 at the break.

Conceicao paced the BSU with seven points over the first twenty minutes while Boutilette added six. Ashton led the Owls with seven points in the opening period while Valley tallied six.

The teams went back-and-forth in the second half as well as there were three ties and five lead changes. Down 42-38, a Kusz three-pointer followed by a short base line jumper by freshman center Christina Jaros (Plymouth, Mass.) put the Bears back on top 43-42 with under six minutes remaining. Ashton tied the score on the Owls' ensuing possession when she made 1 of 2 free throws.

After a stop, Ashton converted an easy lay-up to put Westfield up, 45-43 with under five minutes left to play. A pair of free throws by Valley was answered by a Boutilette layup at the 4:16 mark.

Following a turnover, the Bears had two opportunities to tie the game or take the lead but were unable to convert. Nkamebo then grabbed a big offensive rebound and laid it back in to give the Owls a four-point advantage.

After a missed front end of a one-on-one, the Bears got a big defensive stop but were unable to capitalize as a three-pointer was off the mark. Valley then connected for two more free throws with exactly two minutes remaining to give Westfield a 51-45 lead.

Boutilette knocked down a jumper to make it a four-point game, but Valley answered with a driving lay-up. Conceicao converted a pair of free throws with 47.8 seconds left to pull the Bears to within four.

Out of a BSU timeout, Valley got behind the defense on a long inbounds pass, missed the breakaway layup but was fouled on the rebound. She promptly sank both free throws to give Westfield the 55-49 lead.

Ashton would add a free throw with 26 second left to account for the final score.

Nkamebo has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletics Conference women's basketball player of the week.

Nkamebo was also named to the New England Women's Basketball Association weekly honor roll.

For the season, Nkamebo is scoring 14.7 points and garnering 9.7 rebounds per game. She is shooting 58 percent from the floor.

In upcoming action, the Bears travel to Framingbam State University on Saturday afternoon for a one o'clock MASCAC tilt with the Rams, while the Owls entertain non-conference foe Western New England University on Thursday evening at 5:30.

The Owls have not lost since December 30th and are expected to win their four remaining MASCAC games heading into the conference playoffs.

On the season, Jen Ashton currently leads the team in points, steals, assists, and minutes. Nkamebo currently has the potential to break the school season record for field goal percentage, as well. She currently has a .579 field goal percentage and the record, set in 1999 by Kristen Schmaelzle is .602%.

PHOTO FROM WSU ATHLETIC DEPT.

Kirsy Segarra, a sophomore from Holyoke, attempts a shot against WPI in a game on December 30, the last loss for the Owls. The Owls have won ten straight games and are 8-0 in conference play this season.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, January 29th
W BBall vs Fitchburg State W 60-50
M BBall vs Fitchburg State W 68-56
Saturday, January 31st
W Swimming at WCSU W 147-115
W BBall vs Framingbam State W 58-56
M BBall vs Framingham State W 65-56
M Ice Hockey at Plymouth State L 3-6
M/W Track at Wesleyan Invite (non-scoring meet)
Tuesday, February 3rd
W BBall at Bridgewater State W 56-49
M BBall at Bridgewater State L 77-81 (OT)

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 5
W BBall vs WNEU 5:30 p.m.
M BBall vs WCSU 7:30 p.m.
M Ice Hockey vs Framingham State 7:35 p.m.
Saturday, Saturday 7th
M Ice Hockey vs Salem State 5:35 p.m.
M/W Track at Dartmoutb College Indoor Classic
W Swimming at St. Joseph (CT) 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10th
W BBall at Salem State 5:30 p.m.
M BBall at Salem State 7:30 p.m.
M Ice Hockey at Worcester State 8:00 p.m.

Track and Field continues success heading to Dartmouth Indoor Classic

PHOTO FROM WSUF ATHLETIC DEPT.

This past week was a successful one for Track and Field athletes. Junior Natoli Palma was named MASCAC Women's Field Athlete of the Week, freshman Ashley Craig was named Women's Rookie of the Week, and freshman Dereck Stone was chosen as the MASCAC Men's Rookie of the Week.

Mike Barry
Voice Reporter

This past week, at the Wesleyan Invitational, three stand outs from the Owls Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field teams were awarded with weekly MASCAC honors. The MASCAC Women's Athlete of the Week award was awarded to Westfield's Natoli Palma for her record-setting performance in the shot put. Freshmen Ashley Craig and Dereck Stone each respectively won the Men's and Women's Rookie of the Week award.

Both Craig and Palma broke school records thst they had each previously set earlier this season.

Craig topped her previous mark of 10' 7" in the pole vault, raising her record to 11'1". This height was a new school record and enough for her to finish in first in the event.

Craig's ability to set records and be such a dominant force as a freshman is extremely promising.

She has many more meets to come and who knows how far her talents can go in the next four years.

Natoli Palma continues to be the stand out of the Westfield Track and Field program. Along with winning both the weight throw and shot put events, she completely shattered her prior record in the shot put with a throw of 45' 10", throwing a full foot farther than the school record she set earlier in the year.

Palma is truly setting herself apart in a league of her own when it comes to women's shot put.

The second place throw in the event was an astounding eight feet shorter than Palma's. She is currently ranked sixth nationally in NCAA women's shot put.

Like Palma, Freshman Dereck Stone won two individual events for the Owls at the Wesleyan Invitational. Stone placed first in both the high jump and the long jump, recording a height of 6'4 in the high jump and recording a mark of 22' 3.5 in the long jump.

Many other Westfield State student athletes had impressive showings at the Wesleyan Invitational. Junior Kenneth Parece finished in first place in the men's 1000 meter with a time of 2:44.92.

Sophomore Chris Williams also finished in first place in the men's 5000 meter with a time of 16:02.

As a team, the Owls truly shined the brightest in the Men's 3000 meter, where all three top finishes were Owl's student athletes.

Seniors Nicholas Hawss and Steven Connolly finished in a respectable third and second, while junior Michael Skelly finished in first place.

Other notable finishes for the Women's Track and Field team were a second and third place finish in the 3000 meter. Junior Michelle Kelleher finished in third place while Senior Andrea Hicks recorded a second place finish losing in a photo finish by less thsn two seconds.

With its prestigious history in distance running, among other events, it's no surprise that Westfield State student athletes continue to stand out amongst the other schools in the area. Both the Men's and Women's teams will compete on Saturday, Feh. 7th in the Dartmouth Indoor Classic.

Patriots win fourth Super Bowl with dramatic interception

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

PHOTO FROM ABC CHICAGO

The New England Patriots won their fourth Super Bowl title this past Sunday and their first since 2004. Super Bowl XLIX was the eighth appearance in the big game by the Patriots. Tom Brady and Bill Belichick became the winningest Quarterback/Coach tandem in Super Bowl history and now have a 4-2 record when it matters most.

The New England Patriots are Super Bowl champions for the fourth time in 14 years, defeating the Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in one of the greatest Super Bowl games of all time. Seattle went into the game looking for their second Super Bowl victory in as many years, whereas the Patriots were looking to avenge their past two Super Bowl losses, both to the New York Giants.

After a scoreless first half, the Patriots offense opened up the scoring with an 11-yard Brady touchdown pass to Brandon LaFell in the second quarter. Earlier in the game, the Patriots had a shot to put up six deep in the red zone, but Brady was picked off in the end zone by Seahawks cornerback Jeremy Lane on a pass intended for Julian Edelman. Lane later left the game after the play with a wrist injury.

Wilson answered with a drive of his own, going 70 yards down the field on sight plays, capped off with a Marshawn Lynch three-yard touchdown run. Brady then fired back with a touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski, putting the Pats up 14-7 with 31 seconds left in the first half.

But Wilson answered quickly, going 80 yards down the field on five plays in just 29 seconds, capped off hy a Wilson touchdown pass to Chris Matthews, to tie the game at 14 at the half. Before the Super Bowl, Matthews had not caught a pass all season for the Seahawks. He ended up being one of Seattle's biggest playmakers, catching four passes for 109 yards and a touchdown.

After halftime, the Seahawks opened up the second half scoring with a field goal to put them up 17-14 early in the third quarter. The Seahawks then grew their lead as Wilson drive his team 50 yards down the field on six plays, capped off by a three-yard touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin.

But down 24-14 entering the fourth quarter, after failing to score in the third quarter, Tom Brady and the Patriots offense engineered two excellent drives for 68 and 64 yards down the field for touchdowns. Brady's touchdown pass to Julian Edelman with 2:02 left in the game put the Pats up 28-24.

But Seattle wasn't done yet. After an impressive beginning to the drive, Seahawks wide receiver Jermaine Kearse made an excellent catch, bobbling the ball four times before coming up with the ball to put Seattle inside the five-yard line.

With 28 seconds to go, and with victory a mere three feet away, instead of running the ball with one of the most prolific and coveted goal line runners in the country, Carroll went with his gut and went to the air, and ultimately, it cost him the game. On the ensuing play, quarterback Russell Wilson threw an interception to Patriots cornerback and undrafted rookie Malcolm Butler.

After the costly interception, the Patriots had the ball at the one yard line with 28 seconds left, and it looked as if they were going to take the safety, or at the very least, attempt to run out the clock. However, a costly encroachment penalty by Seattle and another personal foul hy Michael Irvin soon after assured the Patriots their victory.

Brady was named MVP of the Super Bowl after completing a Super Bowl record 37 completions for 328 yards while adding four touchdown passes, passing Joe Montana for passing touchdowns in the Super Bowl with 14. Brady also tied Montana with four titles and three MVP awards.

The Patriots have now won four Super Bowl titles in franchise history, all under coach Bill Belichick. Belichick remains the winningest postseason head coach in NFL history with 22 wins.

Hawks soaring to first place in the East

PHOTO FROM ESPN

The Atlanta Hawks are the first team in the NBA this season to reach the 40 win mark. Their franchise record 19-game winning streak was recently snapped by the New Orleans Pelicans but the team has certainly made a name for itself. It still remains to be seen if this success will carry into the playoffs.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

In the past year, very little has changed for the Atlanta Hawks personnel-wise. This past offseason only saw the departure of three free agents, all of whom had minimal roles, and saw the signing of two role players. However, one thing that has changed in Atlanta is the level of play.

Last season, Atlanta clinched the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference with a record of 38-44, a noteworthy six games below .500. Slightly past the halfway mark of this season, the Hawks have more wins than they had all of last season.

They are in first place in the NBA with a record of 40-8. The closest team to the Hawks in the Eastern Conference is the Toronto Raptors, who are seven games behind Atlanta. Overall, the Hawks lead the Golden State Warriors by three games.

At the start of the 2014-15 NBA season, all eyes were focused on the Cleveland Cavaliers and their star-studded cast. The return of LeBron James, signing of Kevin Love, and All-Star Kyrie Irving had everyone speculating how great this team could be.

Some said they could be as good as the '95-96 Chicago Bulls, who hold the record for most wins in a regular season with 72. Others were hesitant to say that, and thought it would take these stars some time to gel.

First time NBA head coach David Blatt also gave analysts reason to speculate on the Cavaliers' upcoming success. While everyone was talking about Cleveland, Atlanta was crafting their own plans to own the Eastern Conference.

When talking about the Hawks' success there is one man you cannot overlook - Mike Budenholzer, head coach. Budenholzer was hired by the San Antonio Spurs in 1994 to be the team's video coordinator. Two years later, he became an assistant coach with the Spurs, where he would win four championships.

Learning under one of the greatest coaches of all time, Gregg Popovich has helped him shape his coaching methods. At the end of the 2012-13 season, Budenholzer left to become the head coach in Atlanta.

The Hawks are full of quality players, but none that are considered "star" players in the NBA. Players like Paul Millsap, Jeff Teague, and Kyle Korver are the kind of players leading this team.

Not having a single player to hand the ball to and have score at will is one reason why this team is so good.

They play selflessly, they pass the ball, and look for the open man regardless of who it is, because they all trust each other. These are the "team" basketball principles that Budenholzer learned from his time with the Spurs and has since brought to Atlanta.

Clearly, Budenholzer's methods have been effective this season. The Hawks are currently on a 19-game win streak, and over the past 38 games have won 35. The Hawks are this year's success story that has come out of the blue.

Few expected this caliber of play from them night in and night out. How much longer will the streak continue? Will they be able to play this good down through the playoffs even though they don't have a "star"? Lookout for them to make a deep run in the playoffs. Their teamwork, cohesiveness, and gritty play will make them dangerous come May.

The Hawks' winning streak ended shortly after this article was written.

Bruins Slumping

The Boston Bruins have generated a standard of excellence that puts Stanley Cups above all else. As fans expectations grow, the Bruins will have to bring in a new player or rebuild to compete.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

It's okay, Bruins fans, you can finally rest easy. After a dismal and mediocre start to the season, the Boston Bruins have played notably well recently, no longer causing panic among the fans and seriously putting the Bruins in the running for the Stanley Cup.

After a slow start plagued by trades and injuries, the month of January was the month of revival for the B's, going 8-1-3 putting them right back into the middle the playoff picture. A large part of their success have been key victories over the defending champion LA Kings, the Pittsburgh Penguins, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the New York Islanders.

One of the biggest contributors to their run has been goaltending, and Tuukka Rask has been phenomenal. Rask went 7-1-3 in the month, with a lone regulation loss at the hands of Columbus. Even more noteworthy, Rask held his adversaries to two or less goals in nine of his 11 outings. Tuukka-Time is back, and the NHL's Third Star of the Month looks to continue this success.

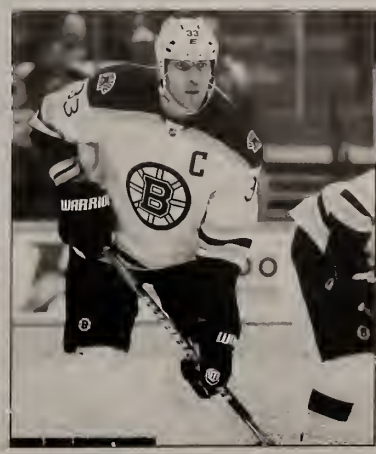
Another bright spot was the young Czech Davis Pastrnak. The 18-year old came in hot, scoring multiple goals in games against Philly and Tampa Bay.

The scoring has since slowed down for Pastrnak, but his back checking and passing have been on point. Glad to see Julien and Chiarelli are sticking with this guy.

The Bruins have been scoring at a much higher rate, as they currently have ten guys with 20 or more points this season. Dougie Hamilton, who has been a huge catalyst for the Bruins' offense, has a career high 27 points this far. If he keeps up his current pace, he'll surely be a top three defenseman soon.

Although January was an easy month for Boston, February is not going to be as easy. Not only do the Bruins have Chicago and St. Louis on the road, but the final game of the month will be against Montreal. A win against the Habs is pivotal, not just a must win but a do-or-die win.

The Bruins 12 games in the month of February, all against good, formidable teams. Let's hope for at least seven or eight wins, but if they can swing nine or ten, they might as well give us the Cup now.



Diaper Dandies Baby!

Duke's star freshman handed undefeated Virginia their first loss of the season shortly after Coach K's 1000th career victory. The Blue Devils may have quieted their critics in this pivotal ACC win.

PHOTO FROM NBS SPORTS

The Duke Blue Devils have, arguably, the best freshman in the country on their team in Jahlil Okafor. A center with as quick of a first step as any small forward is a once in a generation phenomenon. The Blue Devils also have a top freshman in Tyus Jones. The guard has already played big in big games alongside Quinn Cook. Duke has proven that they are serious title contenders this year.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

The Virginia Cavaliers lost their first game of the season last Saturday to the Duke Blue Devils 69-63, leaving the John Calipari-led Kentucky Wildcats as the only undefeated team left in Division I Basketball.

The Cavaliers had a few close calls leading up to the game – with an overtime victory over Miami and a narrow win over Notre Dame, both on the road – but, with the exception of their game against Virginia Tech, had won all their games since playing the Fighting Irish by 13 or more points. Meanwhile, Duke had struggled to put wins on the board – almost losing Coach Krzyzewski's 1000th win against St. John's in Madison Square Garden and losing to unranked conference opponents, North Carolina State and Miami, just a few weeks prior.

The Blue Devils jumped ahead early in the first half, taking a 22-13 lead following Tyus Jones layup with 6:38 left to play. However, the Cavaliers bounced back thanks to senior forward Darion Atkins, who scored the next seven points for Virginia. By the half, the Blue Devils were up by a single point, leading 26-25.

However, in the second half, the Cavaliers continued their surge, going on a 16-4 run at 6:22 to give Virginia the 41-30 lead. Duke ran into trouble in the second half when they were unable to retain possession, turning the ball over three times and missing all but one of their shots from the paint.

Still, the Blue Devils bounced back following sloppy plays and missed opportunities by the Cavaliers. The Blue Devils took full advantage of the Cavaliers' mistakes, and, after Tyus Jones hit a three pointer with 9:39 left in the game, Duke took full control and held the Cavaliers scoreless in the final three minutes of the game to pull away with the victory.

Scoring ten points and adding nine rebounds and two steals, top NBA Draft recruit, Jahlil Okafor, had a less than stellar game. Okafor did land five of his seven shots from the floor, but he also committed five turnovers in the process. Freshman Justice Winslow was Duke's best player on the floor, scoring 15 points off seven of 16 shots with 11 rebounds and two assists. However, fellow freshman phenom, Tyus Jones, led all Blue Devil's scorers with 17 points on five for ten shooting.

Senior Malcolm Brogdon played formidably for the Cavaliers, scoring 17 off seven for 15 shooting and adding six rebounds as well. Although their defense was notably the worst aspect of their game, garnering only four steals and one block as a team, no other player scored more than 11 from the field

Following the loss, the Cavaliers dropped to the number three spot in the Associated Press Poll; undefeated Kentucky and one-loss Gonzaga followed them. Duke continues to reside in the number four spot after their loss to Notre Dame.

Gonzaga has gained significant ground this year after strengthening their out-of-conference schedule – facing and defeating number 22 ranked SMU, St. John's, and UCLA. Their lone loss this year came at the hands of number-three Arizona on the road – losing 66-63 in overtime.

Kentucky continues to reign as the number one team in the country, however they now stand alone as the unanimous top team in the country. Rounding out the top ten in the polls are Wisconsin, Arizona, Villanova, Kansas, Louisville and Notre Dame.

The Cavaliers play their next game against Louisville on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 8:00 p. m. EST in Charlottesville on ESPN. The Blue Devils play their next game against Notre Dame on Saturday, Feb. 7

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 20):
All Aries's nervous systems will shut down this week. Stayed quarantined in your dorm room until further notice.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
You will be taking an unexpected trip this week. Avoid black ice at all costs.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
You will be offered a substantial promotion. Don't take it; you're not up to the task.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
It's time to pick between your love life and pursuing your career.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
The position of Jupiter suggests an amazing opportunity is coming your way. However, Jupiter is a notorious liar.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
A strike of good fortune awaits a friend who is much more driven and focused than you!

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
It's time to find some new friends. Your current ones only like you for your expansive Pokémon card collection.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
You'll be facing a big decision this week. The stars suggest you ignore it; Scorpio's are terrible when it comes to making the right decision.

Sagittarius
(November 22 –December 21):
Stay away from all Cancers who have declared you their arch nemesis.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Stay away from all Virgos whom you deem untrustworthy.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
A surprise guest will show up at your door this week. Keep your door locked at all times.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars report nothing in regards to you, Pieces. They are simply uninterested in your dull life.

games & leisure

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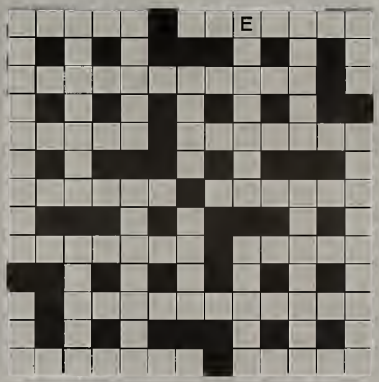

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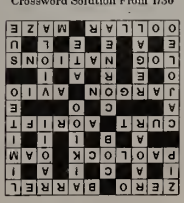

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2/7	8:00p	Comedy Night with Ben Hague & Company	Owl's Nest
2/8	3:00p	Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra	Dever Stage
2/9	4:30p	Leadership Voyage: Emotional Intelligence	Ely 044
2/10	2:15p	Reading I & Note Taking	Barucos Center
2/10	6:00p	Leadership Voyage: FISH	Ely 044
2/10	6:30p	Dispelling the Myth of Black Greek Lette Orgs	Owl's Nest
2/11	11:30a	Commuter Luncheon	Talcot Room
2/11	1:00p	Blood Drive	Ferenzo Gym
2/11	2:00p	Leadership Voyage: Time Management	Ely 044
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[illegible]	7:00p	Voices Beyond Bondage	Scanlon Hall
2/13	:30p	The Vagina Monologues	Dever Stage
2/14	1:00p	Women's Basketball v. Worcester State	Woodward
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

#SaveTheGlobe campaign holds first meeting

Victoria Landry
Voice Contributor

This past Wednesday, a group of passionate students came together in the Owl's Nest at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the campus globe and the destruction that took place after the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory. The goal of this interest meeting was to gather support and potential fundraising ideas to help reconstruct the globe. Students have already expressed their disappointment in the destruction of campus property and have begun coordinating various efforts to contribute to the aptly named Globe Fund, with the help of the WSU Foundation.

Some seniors were especially saddened by the post-Super Bowl events. "For four years I have been looking forward to the day where I can wear my cap and gown and take my final picture on the campus green with the globe in the background. That structure, as simple as it may be, has been a symbol for this University for years, and, for me, represents our readiness to enter the world as we graduate," said senior, Megan Lussier.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA CLARK

Students gathered this past Wednesday in the Owl's Nest to discuss Globe reconstruction processes. All types of students attended the meeting to help rebuild their school.

Some events are in the works, and the WSU TV Club is planning on hosting a Mario Kart tournament sometime in the near future – likely a Thursday in late March. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards replacing the structure and ensuring that future students of Westfield State can enjoy their own globe as much as we enjoyed ours. There will be prizes for winners, food, and other activities going on in the background aside from Mario Kart.

There will even be an online streaming of the entire tournament complete with commentators Nic Odell, Johnny Rebbman, and Mike Drew. Given the nostalgic appeal of Mario Kart, they hope there is a chance for this event to gain a lot of attention, even if it is just from only WSU students. This tournament will be live on Twitch.tv, so even if you cannot make it, you can still watch and donate online!

This new initiative will be for students to work creatively as a community and band together to make a change. First-year student, Aaron Syivia said, "It's one of the reason's I came here. Our campus green looks bland without the structure there right now, and I really hope that we can rally and make a difference for our future generations."

The group of students has started collecting fellow students' e-mails and will begin organizing brainstorm meetings and potential fundraising events. To learn more about the #SavetheGlobe initiative, show your support, or share potential fundraising ideas, please contact Justin Connolly (jconnolly8602@westfield.ma.edu); Megan Lussier (mlussier4549@westfield.ma.edu); Victoria Landry (vlandry0677@westfield.ma.edu); or Dave Langlois (dlangiois5996@westfield.ma.edu).

"This is the globe. This is Westfield State."

'Humans of New York' photographer Brandon Stanton to speak at Commencement; 2015 gifts a scholarship to university funds

PHOTO BY JOSHUA CLARK

Pictured from left to right standing Megan Lussier, Kylie Nelson, Nick Smarra, Michael Knapik, Victoria Landry, Courtney Keddy, JJ Terlaga, Jeffrey Ohene-Darko, and sitting Olivia Dumas, Lauren Leroux, Richard Darrach, and Michael Brett.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The class of 2015 held their successful "100 Days to Commencement" champagne toast last Friday.

The toast is meant to celebrate the previous three and a half years and to get graduating seniors excited for the next 100 days.

The 2015 Commencement will be held on May 16 at the MassMutual Center in Downtown Springfield.

The evening's program got underway around 5:30 p.m. once the guests had a chance to indulge in hors d'oeurves. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, spoke first.

He spoke touchingly about how excited he is about the class. The class of 2015, according to him, is the first class of his vice presidency. Pickron took the job of vice president of student affairs in 2011.

Next, treasurer Olivia Dumas, secretary Michael Brett, and SGA representative Victoria Landry spoke about the various events that were coming up for the class.

Brett made sure to include a plug for the Mr. Westfield competition, which is March 28 at Dever Stage.

Landry mentioned that Commencement rehearsal would be May 8 with more details to be announced.

Megan Lussier, publicity coordinator, spoke about the class gift. The gift is a scholarship that will be awarded to students starting next academic year. It is to be funded by donations made by the future alumni of the class of 2015.

One way that donations could be made to the scholarship would be a pledge to donate $20.15 each year for five years post-Commencement, said Lussier.

Michael Knapik, executive director of university advancement, spoke at length about the benefits of donating to the scholarship and the role that the Westfield State Foundation plays in relation to the university.

Once Knapik's speech was through, champagne was doled out to the seniors present.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015 since the fall of 2011, led the seniors in the toast.

Many seniors came away from

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

RA amendment written by SGA VP Joshua Clark fails to pass Senate after hotly contested debate

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Democracy was used in all of its power by the legislature of the Student Government Association last Tuesday.

A majority vote by three-fourths was needed to pass an amendment submitted by Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, prohibiting any student who is currently a resident assistant to sit on the executive council.

The amendment ultimately failed to pass due to many voices against the amendment, which created a long-winded discourse making the SGA meeting last an extra hour.

At the last SGA meeting on Feb. 3, the senate passed both of Clark's amendments. A majority vote of two-thirds was needed. This week, three-fourths were needed to make the amendment active.

The first amendment, also petitioned by Clark, passed unanimously. It read that a student "[s]hall not be permitted to hold an office of the Executive Council unless they plan to be physically present to attend to all prescribed duties outlined in this constitution and its bylaws for the duration of one (1) academic year except in the cases of resignation or academic withdrawal." It will be added to Article V, Section 2 of the SGA constitution.

When Sara Palis, parliamentarian, motioned to vote on the second amendment that "No student may hold an office of the Executive Council and he a member of the Resident Assistant staff concurrently," Clark brought the RA contract and read from it to the senators.

He argued that the RA contract already prohibits RAs from being on the executive council and that Jon Conlogue, executive director of residential life, agrees with the new amendment.

Alex Doming, representative-at-large and an RA, passionately spoke to the senators about why he thought the amendment was too harsh in excluding RAs. "This amendment excludes some passionate people a chance to be on the executive board." He said some RAs could manage the work time between residential halls and executive board duties.

More importantly, he said, the 24 on-call hours that RAs are contracted to fulfill is possibly being restructured to a shorter on-call time for trained and experienced RAs.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, said that RAs trying to he on the executive hoard in the past have not worked out.

She also said the commitment to the board might create a conflict of interest in the RA's work which is compensated by the university's money.

DiVico noted that most of the events that SGA host are after 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and understands that RAs are the husiest later in day.

Clark said that while the board works well over 20 hours, the university does not pay him, which is a big difference. He said this was a touchy subject and respects the concerns and criticisms from the senators who were also RAs.

He also said he understands the enormous hours of work the RAs do and wished the board could have the passion and charisma offered by an RA, but the time commitment makes it not feasible. A student typically has to make a choice between the board and the RA job.

Vice president of student life Joshua Clark reads the applicable clauses from the Resident Assistant contract in debate Tuesday on an amendment that would bar RAs from sitting on the executive council.

Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015, had issues with the amendment saying that, once an RA is deemed unsuitable for the executive board, other time consuming positions could be called into question.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, said that the university made the decision in the RA contract to keep RAs out of the executive board. "We are giving this too much attention in SGA, it is a university matter. Send it back to them and have them restructure it," he said. Andrew Morin, executive secretary, agreed with Carlin.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, called the amendment "not fair." Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, said that whether or not the amendment passed would not matter because the RA contract still prohibits RAs from being on the board.

The vibe of the SGA room was heginning to change and more people were arguing against the amendment. Some senators looked fatigued and wanted to be rid of the long debate.

DiVico became frazzled while trying to keep order in the speakers list during the long debate and eventually the list was closed.

Priscilla Aguilar, New Hall representative, derailed the debate by hastily trying to delay the implementation of the amendment until the new RA contract could he edited to include the amendment's language.

She was not prepared to form

see **CAULFIELD** *on page five*

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Visiting Assistant-Professor Eric Berlin of UMass Amherst was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Classical Composition. This was for a recording done hy the UMass Wind Ensemble. Berlin hopes that the spotlight will focus more on his students than on himself. Unfortunately, the recording did not win the award, but nonethelesa, a great accomplishment.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Karin Ruhlandt is welcomed as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University. Ruhlandt has served as interim dean since July 2014, and was chair of the chemistry department beforehand, starting in 2009. Ruhlandt says she would like to see the three areas of the college - humanities, sciences, and social sciences - come together more in the future.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is begining the process of moving their school to Allston, MA. The plan is for two-thirds of the school to be moved over in 2019. It may be decided that other facilities will also be moving across the river, such as new performing arts spaces. Recommendations for additions include a relaxation space, an exhibition area, and shuttle improvements.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

The unit on violence against women will no longer be included in the annual summer orientation for incoming UConn students. Arguments for the change debated that sexual violence information sessions would be better received in the fall when students are settled on campus. The space in the orientation program is being filled with programs from the office of Wellness and Prevention.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA holds contentious meeting regarding constitutional amendment; Julia Nedry speaks to Senate on counseling

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

At the last Student Government Association meeting, which felt as long as a marathon race, the legislative body debated and expressed discourse with one another in a healthy manner that resulted in failure to pass an amendment. The amendment was to prevent a current resident assistant from being on the SGA executive board simultaneously. To find out the full details on what happened, please see page two.

Before the meeting turned to the amendments, the SGA's meeting was normal as ever with the guest speaker Julia Nedry, outreach counselor in the Counseling Center, talking about her new position and wanting to touch base with the senators to see what they did and did not know about the Counseling Center located next to Lammers Hall.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, said that there was a free short-term therapy session for all students. Kylie Nelson, representative of the class of 2015, said the center hosts pet therapy on Wednesdays. Morgan Suddeth, representative of the class of 2017, brought up how psychology students could intern with the center to gain credits. Nedry added that they would also be interning with her during the outreach program.

One thing that was not brought up, Nedry said, was that a nutritionist visits the center once a week. She said one of the focuses for the center is creating more events outside of the counseling center. An example, she said, was a healthy relationship workshop in New Hall for Valentine's Day that is "Fifty Shades of Grey" themed. She said more events outside the center would take place once a month to see how they fair with students.

She ended with an announcement of a new club that will be about preventing sexual assaults, and she said that more details would soon be available. Courtney Keddy, representative of the class of 2015, said she was impressed with Nedry's vast plans and work in the short amount of time she has been at the University. DiVico personally endorsed Nedry's work by saying the SGA will be willing to help her in anyway, and Nedry replied with gratitude.

Next, DiVico claimed the podium and motioned to appoint John Coulombe as Scanlon Hall president of the academic year, which passed unanimously. She then motioned to appoint Jack Fisher as representative of the Student Athletic Council, which also passed unanimously.

The madam president lastly reminded the senators that next Monday's Patriots Day will move Monday's classes into Tuesday, and there will be SGA meeting following that.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, gave the Board of Trustee report. He said that the Board met last Thursday and approved new phrasing in student conduct policies to make the wording better suit state regulations. He said five people have been approved for staff emeriti and a memorandum made to make a stronger connection between the Board and the Westfield State Foundation. He said the Board reviewed their second quarter financials as well. Lastly, Frank said, April 1 will be when State House Day is hosted in Boston. State House Day is when students travel to Boston to lobby for more funding for state universities, Frank said.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, announced that Scanlon Hall and Courtney Hall would be first year and second year halls only starting in the Fall 2015 semester. Clark also said that, similar to what Bridgewater State University did, a survey about how Westfield State staff handled the snow removal would be emailed out to students. He said that he would email Terry Fensted, who is in charge of Facilities and Operations after the reassignment of Curt Rohie, to inform him of the survey.

"Students will he ahle to say what they want to say about the snow removal," Clark said.

He lastly said that housing deposits are due March 1, and they will cost $200. This year the payments can only he submitted through online credit or debit cards, Clark said.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, asked Clark why the housing department is asking only for online payment, and she said a lot of people told her they are upset by the new method of pay.

Clark responded hy saying when he asked Jon Conlogue, executive director of residential life, about it that Jon gave him a vague answer.

Clark then said that Housing sees the majority of students paying online, so that fact is one reason on which they hased their decision, along with their new software thorough MyHousing.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, said that the Celtics game went very well and received a lot of positive feedback from the trip. The highlight of the night, he jokingly said, was that it took Miss Massachusetts three tries to sing the "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, said that the "100 days to Commencement" toast was a huge success, citing the fact that the event ran out of food. The event announced the class of 2015's gift and the commencement speaker. He said that the gift was a scholarship, with a minimum of $500, which goes to a Westfield State University student every year.

He said the commencement speaker would he Brandon Stanton, the author and creator of "Humans of New York." Stanton's blog has over 12 million followers on Facehook and around 400,000 on Tumblr as of Feb. 2015. Darrach said that Time Magazine placed him in its list of "30 under 30."

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Feb. 17 at 5:30 p. m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely hy Dunkin' Donuts.

Eastern States Exposition welcomes Tessa Newell as new marketing intern

From Press Release

The Marketing Department of Eastern States Exposition welcomes Tessa Newell, of Middlebury, Connecticut, as the new Spring 2015 intern. Newell is a senior English major and Communications minor at Westfield State University concentrating in Marketing and Public Relations.

While interning at The Big E, Newell will be responsible for helping to plan events on The Big E fairgrounds, as well as writing press releases and feature stories on these events for both local and regional media.

She will also be assisting her supervisors, Noreen Tassinari, Director of Marketing and Catherine Pappas, Communications Manager, with advertising and promotions, and most importantly, she will be helping to make 2015 the most successful year yet for the Exposition. Newell is a Dean's List student and is expected to graduate in May 2015.

She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the national collegiate English Honor Society, and she has presented original work at two national Sigma Tau academia conferences. Newell is the editor-in-chief of Westfield State University's literary journal, Persona, as well as the president of Westfield State's Musical Theater Guild.

She also works as a resident assistant, writes for Westfield State's newspaper The Westfield Voice, and acts as a team leader for Westfield's Relay for Life Club.

"For me, interning at The Big E is the pinnacle of my college career," Newell said.

"I have wanted to intern at the Exposition since starting at Westfield State, having grown up going to the Fair every year.

I have always admired the philanthropic nature of The Big E, the Fair's devotion to the agricultural market, and the pride The Big E has for the New England region, a pride which I also share." The Big E is the largest fair in New England, and this year it will run from Sept. 18 to Oct. 4. Close to 1.5 million people visit The Big E to enjoy the different exhibits, entertainment and foods the Fair has to offer.

For additional information on the 2015 attractions, visit TheBigE.com, join our mailing list, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @TheBigEFair.

Westfield State students continue international community service tradition in Nicaragua

From Press Release

Westfield State students pose with Mario, a Nicaraguan worker, as they present him his new bike.

Seventeen Westfield State University students cut their winter breaks short to engage in international volunteer work. Students traveled to Nicaragua in January for the fifth consecutive year as part of a Global Service Learning course led by faculty leaders Kathi Bradford, director of Alumni Relations, and Kelli Nielsen '04.

Each year, the students travel to Granada, Nicaragua to assist La Esperanza Granada, a local nonprofit that focuses on bettering children's education. The organization aids more than 2,000 children in poverty-stricken areas. In the five years that Westfield State has been traveling to Nicaragua, students have raised more than $30,000 for the organization.

With that money, and the help from student and faculty volunteers, the groups were able to lay the foundation for three different classrooms and build an entire technology classroom in a new high school (which was fully funded by Westfield State fundraising), build an entire community center, and build a technology classroom for the elementary school with an updated water system and new latrines.

Students were asked to raise $300 each to pay for building supplies, but Patrick Bartel '15 of Groton, Mass. decided to double the amount and collected $1,250 with his twin brother John. Bartel completed the course in 2013, but decided to return this year as a student leader.

"When I first traveled to Nicaragua, I was embraced by the community we worked in and I felt completely welcome," Bartel said. "I just wanted to help out again." Westfield State students worked with local construction crews to revamp the water system in the elementary schools. While students have the option of repeating the course for credit, the construction crew is the same each year, including Mario, a Nicaraguan worker who was so dedicated to the project that he would often sleep at the work site while students were in town to ensure that the supplies were not stolen.

Student Drew Belskey, '15 of Wilbraham, noticed that Mario's bike, his main form of transportation, was worn down and in rough shape. He had experience working and fixing bicycles, so he examined Mario's bike to see if he could get it to run better.

"I just saw a man who was in need and wanted to do what I could to help him," Belsky said. After he further examined the bike and discovered it was beyond repair, he teamed up with the rest of the class and pooled money to purchase a new bike for Mario. The students presented him with the bike the day before their departure, and he was speechless.

"I could see the water building up in his eyes, which made my eyes start to water as well," Belsky said. "This man gives so much of his time and dedication for so little in return and this gift made this rugged man show his softer side. It was a great feeling." Belsky said he was happy to give back to a man that taught him to appreciate his surroundings.

"I now appreciate so much that we take for granted," Belsky said. "I was helping those around me in Nicaragua, and I returned to the States realizing that they helped me just as much." Course leader Kathi Bradford said that after completing the class, students often develop new perspectives and, sometimes, even change majors or career paths.

"Teaching the Global Service Learning course to Nicaragua is a yearly labor of love," Bradford said. "Helping students find their inner beliefs about service, global awareness, and passion to help is a priceless benefit of this incredible work."

"Whether you are the instructor, a student, or a member of the community, the pride we have in the work we have done, the way our students respond, and the fact that Westfield State supports this program each year is truly special," Bradford said.

Westfield State University offers 'Acting Skills for Real Life' course

From Press Release

The Division of Graduate and Continuing Education department at Westfield State University will offer an "Acting Skills for Real Life: How to Connect and Communicate" class on Thursday nights, March 19 through April 16, from 6-8 p.m.

Students will learn about basic acting skills and theories and how they can be applied to everyday situations such as job interviews and social settings, in addition to performances and public speaking. Course content includes: vocal, movement, and imagination warm ups and theatre games; improvisations around a specific set of circumstances, including "real life" situations and role reversal; developing "stage presence;" and if the class chooses, rehearsal and class performance of a brief scene or monologue as a rehearsed reading or "off book."

The course will be taught by Nadia Creamer (M.A., New York University), who has a long career as a performer and a teacher of performing arts. Nadia was Co-Artistic Director of Impulse Theatre and Dance for 28 years in New York City and upstate N.Y., where she received more than 60 grants for her work. She was also a faculty member of NYU, Russell Sage, College of St. Rose, and Columbia-Greene Community College.

The cost of this course is $80. Registration will be accepted until the first night of class. For more information and to register, please contact Brandon Fredette at (413) 572-8033 or bfredette@westfield.ma.edu.

crime log

On Feb. 3, malicious destruction occurred between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:22 a.m. on Feb. 4 on Bates Road. The case is being investigated.

On Feb. 4, a dangerous weapon was found improperly stored on school property at 10:45 p.m. in Lammers Lot. A summons was mailed.

On Feb. 5, a drug law violation occurred at 6:22 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb 6, a stop sign violation, speeding, operation under the influence, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle occurred at 2:01 a.m. in Commuter Lot/ An arrest was made.

On Feb. 6, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:20 p.m. in Welch Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 7, a liquor law violation occurred at 1:16 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 7, a drug law violation occurred at 11:43 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 8, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:43 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 8, operation under the influence, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, underage drinking, and speeding occurred at 1:40 a.m. in Commuter Lot. An arrest was made.

On Feb. 8, a drug law violation occurred at 2:00 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

WSU students 'attack the silence' by performing 'The Vagina Monologues'

From Press Release

Westfield State University students and faculty members will perform "The Vagina Monologues" on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Dever Stage.

"The Vagina Monologues" is an episodic play made up of varying numbers of monologues read by women. The monologues cover a range of topics including women's sexuality, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, and Transgender (LGBQT) experience, domestic and systematic abuse against women, women's health, as well as how women are viewed and interacted with on a societal level.

The performances are scheduled annually around V-Day, a movement to end violence against women and girls, held on February 14. Faculty advisor Hillary Sackett, who has been involved in "The Vagina Monologues" for three years, said the global movement is especially important on college campuses.

"I believe it is important to bring the V-Day campaign to all college campuses, including our own, to 'attack the silence,' raise awareness, and become a catalyst in the anti-violence movement, especially in light of the ongoing battle against sexual assault in our communities," Sackett said.

Each year there is a different spotlight monologue. For 2015, it is "They Beat the Girl Out of My Boy...Or So They Tried," a vignette that outlines a transgender woman's experience. The performance is directed by students Desiree Law '15 and Lily Gates'15. Gates said she hopes the play encourages women to speak up about topics that they might be reserved about.

"Every woman has a story of her own about topics that we're pushed not to talk about, but really should be heard despite the fact that it may be uncomfortable," Gates said. " 'The Vagina Monologues,' helps break the idea that those conversations are uncomfortable. It shows that a woman's body and past shouldn't be a secret and that everyone should be able to talk about their experiences if they choose to."

Law said that the play appeals to both men and women.

"The show is important for men and women and anyone in between or outside those parameters," Law said. "It is about societies all around the world and how we treat each other and ourselves. No one should be causing harm to others but they also shouldn't be causing harm to themselves - physically, mentally, or emotionally. This show opens eyes and hearts for every gender."

Dever Stage is located in Parenzo Hall. Tickets are $3 for students and $5 for general admission. They can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Ely Campus Center. The proceeds from the show will be donated to the YWCA Westfield New Beginnings program, which provides shelter, counseling, and advocacy for women and children who have been victims of violence or abuse.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, conducts a straw poll of the senators to see who was ready to cast a vote on the amendment.

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the language of the implementation delay causing a Robert's Rule disaster. Eventually, once language was hammered out with attempts made by Aguilar, DiVico, and Clark, the implementation delay was defeated.

After running out the speakers list, the senators voted on Clark's amendment.

They handled the voting in a roll call style by having a senator say yes or no.

The vote count was eight yes votes to fifty-five no votes. The roll call list was not able to be obtained by press time.

Clearly, there were not enough votes for three-fourths majority to keep the amendment alive.

An interesting footnote is that the sponsors, Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, and Tyler Hastings, commuter council president, did change their minds during the meeting and voted no on Clark's amendment.

DiVico said at the very end of the meeting that everyone did a great job debating and exercising his or her power as senators. "This is the purpose of why we are here and the reason why we represent the students," she said.

After the meeting was adjourned Clark made a statement saying, "I am actually not disappointed with the results of Tuesday's meeting. The discussion and interactions that were carried out was productive, and provided for a useful dialogue that benefits the constituents."

He added, "I understand and empathize with the Resident Assistants who spoke during the Senate hearing and is glad that they spoke their mind. That's the purpose of the Senate and they did a good job of representing their constituency."

Doming also made a statement after the meeting was adjourned. He said, "I really enjoyed the fact that everybody on Senate was able to have a healthy debate and, even though some of us had our disagreements, we were focused in a positive direction that ended up in cooperation."

He also added that everyone who disagreed with him was very respectful and professional and extends his thanks for DiVico's words at the end of the meeting.

Clark added, "We typically walk away shaking hands and acting like nothing happened after debates like that. That's why I enjoy the Senate."

Whether or not the university does restructure the RA contract to reflect the language of the amendment is to be seen, but it is clear that the senators of the SGA do not mind an RA on the executive board.

from the voice vault

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V-Day: "Single Declaration Day"

Alexandra Davy
Voice Reporter

With Valentine's Day sneaking up, the stores fill with hearts and flowers, chocolates and pink cards, huge stuffed animals and scented candles, and big balloons. Just about anything and everything you can think of for the loving couples of our world is for sale.

But what about the single folk on Valentine's Day? What are we to think when we walk around with giant balloons saying "Be Mine" looming in our faces? When the only cards we can find are ones that usually begin with "Roses are red and Violets are blue"? Seems like they should call it Single Declaration Day.

"Valentine's Day is not necessarily about being a couple," says single lady Alex McConnon, "It's about appreciating the ones that you love and spending time with them."

Some men have the same view as the girls. To Junior Alex Streisand, Valentine's Day means just about the same. "Valentine's is a day to get together. The best is when you can spend it with your friends," he says.

Dan Hatch had only this to say "I don't even think about it," says the Freshman "And I don't really care. It's just another day to buy people stuff."

"Text me ladies!" Says Jonathan Dirodi with a laugh. Dirodi, Junior, didn't think too much of the holiday until he went to the dollar store with his friends, where a party idea was formed. Singles only!

Anthropologically speaking, Valentine's Day is a way of displaying ownership and possession of another life, whoever they may be.

In ancient times gifts were lavished upon favored harem members. These gifts ranked them higher than the others, and today it seems like the media has kept this tradition alive, glorifying those who have a significant other.

Psychologically speaking, the constant displays of the celebration can be a constant reminder of where you are in life; having not found that partner just yet or feeling a bit more hopeless or hopeful on this day that there might be something different.

The best way to deal with the holiday is to get together with your single friends and just have fun.

Enjoy esch others company, laugh and just be together. Take a day to remember why you are friends in the first place and strengthen the bonds between you. Yeah, you may be single. But you are not alone. After all, 42% of adults over 18 in the U.S. are single according the U.S. Census Bureau, that's 92 million Americans.

If you want something to do on that night or the nights leading up to "Single Declaration Day", look into the Step Team's Venus vs. Mars Valentine's Day Dance, being held this Friday.

So for all those Single Studs and Single Ladies out there, have cheer on Valentine's Day. Just remember, thanks to social drama and statistics, half of those people will probably be single next week.

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Valentine's Day's hidden secrets

Meaghen Chalmers
Voice Reporter

It's a commonly known fact that we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th, in memory of St. Valentine, but behind all of the greeting cards, chocolates and flowers, I bet there's a thing or two you didn't know about it.

For example, men spend more than twice as much on their significant others than females do.

Also, more than one third of men would prefer not to be presented with a gift whereas less than twenty percent of women do not want a Valentine's Day present.

Here is another fact: the greeting card company Hallmark employs nearly one hundred people on a research task team specifically designed to monitor and interpret sales of Valentine's Day cards.

Hallmark then conducts hundreds of thousands of customer interviews in an effort to create their card collections each year.

Most purchases for the holiday don't take place until the six days preceding Valentine's Day. Americans tend to shell out almost $120 in this last minute spending.

Contrary to popular belief, teachers receive the most of the 100 billion valentines, followed closely by children. Keeping up in third place is mothers, then wives and lastly, lovers.

Did you know that the oldest remaining Valentine's Day card is dated over 590 years old? In 1415 Charles, the Duke of Orleans, wrote a valentine to his wife.

Also during the Middle Ages, men and women of marriageable age would draw names out of a bowl to determine their valentine and wear the name pinned to their sleeve.

It is speculated that the saying "to wear your heart on your sleeve" originated with this tradition.

Lastly, although it is common in Japan for women to present their spouses or boyfriends with gifts on Valentine's Day, men do not return the favor until one month later on March 14, which has come to be known as White Day.

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Voices Overheard

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue...

Mork Green
Mathematics
Junior

"Sugar is sweet and so are you."

Luniber Jock-Rue
Elementary Education
Freshmon

"I Love Poker and how 'bout you?"

Lauro Kingsley
Eorly Childhood-Ed
Junior

"California soon, then I'll be at the zoo!"

Bill McDonold
Mass Comm
Freshman

"All the girls want me, and if I was single I would too."

Voices Overheard compiled by Bridget Gleason

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COMPETENCY AND CONSERVATISM

Valentine's Day has become more than what it is supposed to be; History proves it can be simpler

Brady Kerr
Columnist Emeritus

The great American poet Robert Frost once wrote, "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired." With Valentine's Day upon us, I feel the topic of love is quite relevant.

There are those of us that have been identified as hopeless romantics, a term not often proudly self-diagnosed. We live for Feb. 14th and sometimes find ourselves disappointed.

However, I write this article in valiant defense of Valentine's Day, and not in support of the rampant commercialism that has spurned many people into calling it "Singles Awareness Day."

For starters, let us examine a little bit of what history has to offer.

While doing some research, I came across an NPR article titled, "The Dark Origins of Valentine's Day."

The author tells the story of a Roman holiday called Lupercalia in which men drank heavily, sacrificed animals for ceremonial purposes, and proceeded to chase women around while slapping the women with the hides. Now if that does not sound romantic what does?

Scholars suggest that the name was derived after Emperor Claudius II ordered the execution of a man named Valentine on Feb. 14th. Apparently Claudius was fond of this ritual and did it again the following year. The Catholic Church would then honor the two Valentines with martyrdom, thus making them saints.

As time wore on the celebration of Feb. 14th grew into a romantic affair, no doubt fueled by the writings of William Shakespeare and other micro-cultural traditions.

The author suggests that the Valentine's Day traditions we love or hate are traced to Kansas City, Missouri where in 1913 Hallmark Cards began mass-producing cards known as valentines.

How on Earth did the rituals of drunken Romans turn into a dozen roses and a heart shaped box of chocolates? I certainly could not tell you. However, what I do know is that I love Valentine's Day.

To my beautiful girlfriend: Do not worry. I am much more of a flowers guy than a third-century Roman. To all of you Lupercalia traditionalists out there: May I suggest bringing your date to the theater for a showing of "Fifty Shades of Grey?"

It is no wonder that this day is controversial. I suggest that the one true way to right it is for us hopeless romantics to unite. Do not buy a Hallmark Card and do not buy a large box of chocolates. Instead, if you have a significant other, show them you care about them. Go out to dinner, or stay in and cook.

Believe me, those memories will be with you until the end. A card cannot always do that because you do not write it. How could a poll-tested phrase say what truly resides in your heart? We need to change the basic concept of Valentines Day.

If you are currently single, you do not need to drown your sorrows with a cheap bottle of wine, either. Show someone you care for them. For so many years, Feb. 14th has meant a great many things to people all over the world.

Whether you are single or taken, I have some ideas for you. Volunteer your time to help a cause that is important to you. Assist someone that needs it. Resolve to coach a youth sports team or to spend more meaningful time with an elderly relative.

Above all, try to love yourself. All of us engage in negative thinking or unhealthy habits from time to time. On Saturday, Feb. 14th remember to make the most out of life and cherish every opportunity to be a better you.

I am not trying to disparage anyone that bought their special someone a giant teddy bear, a huge box of chocolates, and a dozen roses – to each his own.

I myself have engaged in such behavior, but this year I choose to be different. Think about all the money we have wasted on people that are not even a part of our lives anymore.

Valentine's Day is often associated with hurt feelings and loneliness. I have had my fair share of both. However, the sappy, romantic, and over-the-top me never died. I found someone that makes me really happy.

She hates when I say that she is better than I deserve, and maybe she has a point.

Don't all of us deserve the affection of another? I think we do. Mr. Frost was right: deep down in our hearts we do have this "irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired."

In a world so volatile and unpredictable the best thing you can do is hold your special person close. Look up from your iPhones, and experience each other. Do not worry about your next Facebook post or awesome hashtag. Buy some flowers, put them on a table, and share a meal.

Talk to each other. If you are lucky, you may even get what you deserve. Happy Valentine's Day to my sweetheart, and to all of you hopeless romantics out there!

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

President Obama asks Congress to fight ISIS

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

This past Wednesday, President Barack Obama formally sent a request to congress for the authorization to use military force in the "war" against ISIS. Without going as far as authorizing the use of "troops on the ground" the bill would allow the US armed forces to use systematic airstrikes against ISIS locations. It is, however, within the bill to allow the army to use "special forces in cases of unforeseen circumstances".

President Obama cited American experience in combat situations in the Middle East as his reasoning, specifically he is cited by CNN as saying, "I am convinced that the U.S. should not get back into another ground war in the Middle East..." and then later on he says that "...it's (ground troops in Iraq and/or Syria) not in our national security interest and not necessary for us to defeat ISIL..."

The resolution itself only gives the President limited powers to command the combat effort against the militant Islamic group for a total of three years. In the Authorized use of Military Force, the president is requesting that congress gives him the power to order limited ground combat operations that would cover the needs for any rescue missions and any military actions to be taken against the group's leadership.

To accompany the Authorize use of Military Force request, President Obama attached a letter that specifically addressed the threats to "national security and interests" that ISIS posses to the US.

In response to President Obama's request, House Republicans scoffed the initial request as too "limited" in scope. They have surprisingly shown support for granting President Obama powers that are not "limited in scope" and provide more military options for the President. John Boehner voiced the concerns of the house saying that for the US to "defeat our enemies" we need a "comprehensive strategy" and not one which "limits our options".

Across the isle Minority leader Nancy Pelosi is advocating for a limited powered president and strategy. Democrats believe that the three year authorization that the President is seeking would be "more than enough" to defeat ISIS. However, Pelosi is taking a stance on the 2002 authorization that is currently being used by the President to justify his use of force in Iraq. Pelosi believes that congress should use this opportunity to retract the authorization that is still in effect from 2002 for the Iraq war.

It would seem that despite the fact that the two parties are at their opposite ends of the aisle, they both agree that ISIS has become such an issue that military force is required. Though I am personally surprised that House Republicans are attempting to empower the president at the current stages rather than wait for the 2016 presidential election (which I would assume they are expecting to be a fellow republican) where they can determine if the new President is a strong enough military leader. Democrats are just staying low-key in the whole debate, I believe and hope that negative public opinion will be focused on the very vocal republican sects of congress.

Something that will be an interesting consequence of this proposal, when passed (since both parties agree that it should) is that it creates new criteria for the 2016 Presidential

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AMERICAN IDIOT

A bit of ethnocentrism and a bit about Cork and Blarney

Nick Sarnelli
Head Copy Editor

Editors Note: This is the second in a series of columns written by Nicholas Sarnelli, Head Copy Editor, who is studying abroad in Galway, Ireland

PHOTO FROM NICK SARNELLI

Before I begin I think it is worth mentioning that we all have heat and are no longer freezing indoors – most of the time.

Anyway.

No matter how European I try to look and act, naturally, I can't help but find certain things about Euro culture odd. Of course, this is only because I'm so used to the good ol' US of A.

1. School:

Attending classes at the National University of Ireland at Galway (NUIG) has been an experience unlike any other. Here, I am enrolled in three different lectures: Nineteenth Century American Lit, Twentieth Century Irish Lit, and Modernism/Postmodernism. At NUIG, they apparently do not use the same Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday schedule (also schedule would be pronounced "shed-jewel"). Here is an example of my class schedule:

Nineteenth Century American Lit:

Monday 3-4 & Friday 1-2

Twentieth Century Lit:

Wednesday 2-3 & Friday 9-10

Modernism/Postmodernism:

Tuesday 5-6 & Wednesday 9-10

You'll notice the schedule is a bit haphazard. What's even crazier to me is that some classes are taught by two different professors. For example, in American Lit, I'm to read The Scarlet Letter for the Monday professor and then for the Friday professor I am supposed to read some poems by Emily Dickinson. What's more is that in class I don't have to speak. I just have to exist. I don't actually have to participate, and regardless if I'm present or not, the instructor will never know.

For instance, last Monday I went to what I thought was American Lit, but I went to the venue for Wednesday's class rather than Monday. I ended up sitting through an entire cognitive psychology class. I had to play the part of the student, though; I couldn't let my peers know I was the stupid American who wandered into the wrong lecture.

In my defense the professor was fifteen minutes later, so hy the time I arrived to American Lit it would have been twenty minutes in.

Whoops.

Another thing that is different regarding school is that they don't actually have "majors" like we do in the States. Well, I suppose they do, but they don't call it the same thing here. They don't call it anything actually. It's just what you study. So whenever I tell someone that my major is English they look at me somewhat confused before they realize what I mean.

2. Hostels

This past weekend my friends and i went to Cork and spent the night in a hostel. It was "comfortahle" I suppose, but altogether it was weird. There were five of us in a ten bed dorm – so the five of us and five strangers. Four of the strangers were Irish and in turn extremely friendly. They invited us to drink with them, but as a unit we were far too hung over (sorry, Mom). The other stranger was from Spain and didn't speak much English. He had heen living in that hostel for about two weeks – at least, I think that's what he said. My Spanish was quite rusty.

He also asked for my phone numher, which was relatively awkward since we didn't really exchange many words. I figured it was just hecause he wanted to communicate and it was easier for him to write rather than speak English.

Anyway.

Inside the hostel there was a bathroom, but if you wanted to take a shower you had to huy a towel from the front desk, and since we're out here balling on a budget, we decided we could wait until we got hack to Galway.

In retrospect, I should have just bought a towel. My hair was as dry as straw the next day (which is hopefully not too evident in pictures).

Overall the hostel was a good experience and definitely something I needed to try, especially since I'll he staying in one for a couple nights in Amsterdam in a couple of weeks.

I suppose I should mention something about Cork and Blarney too.

Cork is a bigger city than Galway. Much bigger actually. Getting off the bus at 6 p.m. and landing in yet another new city was definitely something. I'm not sure how good that something was. It was almost like our first day in Galway all over again, only this time it was dark. we had no idea where we were going, and the Cork accent is even harder to understand. When we found our destination and got "settled" into the hostel, I couldn't help but verhalize my thoughts.

"Guys, where the hell are we?" I asked rhetorically.

Everyone laughed, somewhat uncomfortahly. I think they were thinking the same thing.

After about five minutes in the room we discovered what was missing from the experience. We needed to eat.

We strolled around the vast city for a while and found a pizza shop called Gino's. It ended up being the missing piece. "The plug," if you will.

We spent a while in Gino's and then walked around the city a bit more before turning in for the night. The next day we planned to wake up early and head out to see Cork in the daylight and Blarney Castle.

After collecting ourselves at a hagel shop in the city centre (good bagels are almost a rarity here) we strolled to the English Market, which is a hig market with a bunch of vendors selling things from fresh produce and meats to baked goods to fudge to kitchen supplies. Overall, I was very into it. Apparently Cork is the Food Capital of Ireland. I'm not entirely sure what that means, but I support it. Naturally.

After the market we checked out an old cathedral called Saint Fin Barre's. It was massive and beautiful. Interestingly enough, it was right near the middle of the city and looked as if it didn't belong there at all. So far Ireland is full of that: historical artifacts and architecture right in the middle of a modern city. That's one thing I love about it.

Next on the agenda was Blarney Castle. While the castle wasn't too far from the city, it was oddly peaceful and quiet. It was remarkable, really. Upon entering, we didn't say much, just kind of looked around. The sun was out then too and illuminated all of the greenery that enveloped the castle grounds. I wasn't aware anything could be that green.

Walking up the path to the castle, which could be seen looming in the distance, I couldn't help but imagine what it would have heen like if it were still in use. Back in the day (whenever that actually was) the Irish must have had tons of craic there. I imagined horses and fire and games and the clinking of glasses or goblets or whatever they used then.

Hm, history.

Once we finally made it to Blarney Castle we had to climb innumerable stairs to get to the top where the famous stone is. This was definitely something – and certainly not something I liked. The higher you climb, the walls get closer and the steps get narrower. I think it's worth mentioning that I'm somewhat claustrophohic, or something, so the climb was an experience to say the least. There is a rope the runs throughout the spiral staircase that you must hold onto to climb. It was lovely.

I was somewhat nervous to kiss the stone too. It didn't have much to do with the amount of people who had kissed it before me. It had everything to do with the odd hyperextension of my back and the upside-down kissing of stone over a hole, which, although barred, still provided me with a view of the ground nearly 100 feet below.

At least I have some extra good luck now.

Altogether, I really enjoyed Blarney. It was something I needed to do as a tourist, and in a way I suppose I overcame a fear by climhing to the top.

I suppose that's what this adventure is about: wandering at the very edge of the comfort zone.

from the editors' desks

#SaveTheGlobe is the right move by students on campus

It's clear that students at Westfield State University care about the Globe.

The response to the vandalism that was caused by the Super Bowl Sunday riot has been overwhelming to those who have been tasked with handling such response and it continues day by day.

President Elizabeth Preston's email to the campus community was genuine and heartfelt but most importantly, it echoed the feelings of the campus in regards to an icon that has been so important to the way we see the world.

The Globe was placed in the middle of the green by former president Evan Dobelle in 2008 to highlight the commitment that then-Westfield State College would be making to international study and travel.

The thinking was that students at this campus should have the same opportunities to travel abroad for study as students at the most prestigious of the private schools.

Since making that commitment, Westfield State University has upheld its end of the bargain. Students from this campus travel to more countries and spend more time abroad than ever before.

SGA president Rebecca DiVico highlighted a lot of travel that students have done in her State of the Campus address last week. Citing about twenty countries that students have travelled to, DiVico repeated the many accolades that have been communicated to the International Programs Office about such travel.

This is just one example of how the Globe has become a facet of campus.

What we often forget is that public higher education affords first-generation or urban students the opportunity to expand their education in ways that were never before possible.

The installation of the Globe in the prominent place that it has been for the last six years has been a beacon of hope for students who never imagined that they would be able to travel the world during their time as a college student.

Some are lucky enough to be college students at all.

The destruction of the Globe has been oft-repeated as deplorable, barbaric, and inexcusable.

Winning the Super Bowl or the World Series or the Stanley Cup are certainly athletic achievements that should be celebrated but never should they celebrated in the fashion that we witnessed a couple of weeks ago.

In the two weeks since the event, countless students have come forward to help fundraise or come up with designs for a new Globe.

Four students have especially risen to the occasion to guide this effort. Justin Connolly, Victoria Landry, David Langlois, and Megan Lussier have started the Save the Globe movement, which aims to raise money for the construction of a new Globe.

They are to be the point people for this movement and we, the staff of this newspaper, encourage those who want to help to contact them.

Without students leading the charge, there cannot be participation from the one group that felt so strongly about its destruction.

#savetheglobe

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gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

I can't seem to find any true friends around here and I'm tired of eating alone in the DC... What do you suggest I do to find some reliable friends?
-Table for One

Dear Table for One,

As someone who struggled to make friends in high school, your girl Gail feels your pain. Next time a potential friend sits at your table, try offering them a bite of your chicken patty. Before you know it, you've lured a hungry friend into your life.

If you're looking for friends outside of the Dining Commons, take your chicken patty to-go, and try joining a club. It may seem cliché, but getting involved is the best way to trick people into liking you. Go to an improvisation club meeting and try conversing with fellow improvisation enthusiasts!

If all else fails, come up to the Voice office on the third floor of Ely on Mondays-Wednesdays, and hang out with your girl Gail herself!

Best Wishes,
Gail

Dear Gail,

I've never been in a healthy relationship in the past. Everything always starts out smooth, but quickly plummets. Please give me some tips as to what actually works in a relationship!
-Momma's Boy

Dear Momma's Boy,

As a love expert, I can't say I've had much experience in failed relationships. However, I do have some friends who are inept when it comes to love. After decades of observation, I've noticed that their biggest mistake was taking things too fast. Next time you have sparks with a suitor, avoid constant texting, Facebook stalking, and showing up at their dorm room unannounced. The key to a healthy relationship is taking things slowly. Ask Mr. Gail—our first kiss didn't happen until our fifth date. Seven years later, we're still semi-happily married.

If all else fails, come up to the Voice office on the third floor of Ely on Mondays-Wednesdays. Your gurl Gail will certainly show you a good time!

Good Luck,
Gail

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Black coffee's surprising multitude of benefits

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

Coffee is rich in antioxidants, and some say it is the primary source of antioxidants that a person can get.

Anticxidants help fight inflammation, which is the cause of many different types of chronic conditions like arthritis and atherosclerosis. Antioxidants also help stabilize free radicals, which can cause oxidative stress.

Oxidative stress is linked to many types of chronic diseases. Another great benefit of coffee is that it contains chlorogenic acid, which is practically only found in coffee. This acid is thought to help prevent cardiovascular disease.

A normal 8-ounce cup of coffee with nothing in it contains only two calories and no grams of fat. It also contains very small amounts of calcium that help with bone strength.

Coffee is also great for the heart and is linked to protecting against arterial damage that is caused by inflammation.

The heart is not the only part of the body that benefits from coffee. The website, onemedical.com, states that one's liver benefits from coffee because, in addition to lowering the risk of liver cancer, coffee consumption has been linked to lower cirrhosis levels. This also includes alcoholic cirrhosis.

The article on onemedical.com stated that scientists found a reverse relationship between drinking coffee and the blood levels of liver enzymes.

While liver enzymes are elevated, there is an increased chance for inflammation damage that can be done to the liver.

Since caffeine is a performance enhancer, it can help fight fatigue and help individuals exercise longer. Coffee also strengthens muscle contractions according to onemedical.com.

However, this is not saying that drinking large amounts of coffee will cure all diseases, or will give you an amazing workout every day. Drinking moderate amounts of coffee, preferably before 2 p.m., is the best way to get the benefits without overdoing the caffeine.

Too much of anything is bad, especially caffeine. The average amount of caffeine per cup is around 100 mg, but can range from 80 to 200 mg depending on how the drink is prepared.

The best way to get the maximum amount of benefits from coffee is to skip the extra milk, cream and sugar.

Unfortunately this also includes the beloved flavor shots of caramel and mocha swirl, but it is worth it to know that what you are drinking is actually filled with many health benefits, as opposed to sugar and calories.

I started to drink my coffee black again, knowing that it is much healthier for me. I have even gone as far to add an extra espresso shot or two to my black coffee.

It is hard to give up caramel swirl iced coffees altogether, that is why I try to limit getting cream and flavor in my coffee to only the weekends. Strong coffee is an acquired taste, and it took me many years to appreciate the strong taste of espresso and black coffee.

No one is perfect, and coffee is an addiction for many people including myself. A way to help make the addiction work in our favor is to take advantage of the many health benefits coffee has to offer.

By limiting how much cream and sugar you put in, and trying to incorporate black coffee into your normal routine, you can take advantage of the many health benefits coffee has to offer.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

The current illegal immigrant problem in the United States

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

President Barack Obama has plans to initiate immigration reform for millions of illegal immigrants living here in the United States.

It goes without say how controversial this is, especially to conservatives.

Right now, millions of illegal immigrants are here in the United States. They are seeking refuge because it's obvious that where they're coming from doesn't give them the same opportunity that America does.

They are willing to risk everything to seek out democracy. We will invade places abroad for that very cause, but deny millions that right. There is no way that the government could possibly seek out this high number of illegal immigrants, whether or not you agree with their being here.

However, it is something that surely needs to be addressed. I think it is President Obama's responsibility to bring forth a resolution.

Obama plans to charge illegal aliens for an application to become legal here, which will be about $465. We can expect over a million by May when the initiative goes forward.

"The applications will be handled at an office complex in suburban Washington, with a new staff of 1,000 government workers, supplemented by as many as 1,000 private contractors" said the LA Times.

They will also be paper applcations, and therefore be as straight forward as possible and not limit those who may struggle with technology due to age or lack of access.

Obama said this initiative would end deportation for 5 million to possibly more than 11 million illegal immigrants.This would be an unprecedented number of immigrants addressed.

Republicans are worried about the cost of supporting this initiative, but are of course invested in spending trillions of the federal budget invading countries and displacing hundreds of thousands of people.

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candidate. Now Republicans and Democrats are going to have to set up candidates who can handle a military action in the Middle East (again), but unlike in 2004 there is no real incumbent president who will be running.

For the democrats, I believe this may hurt their "frontrunner", Hilary Clinton who is still haunted by her actions in Benghazi. Though, I believe if Vice President Joe Biden was to run, being in the current administration (who will start and plan out the military operations) will be a big boost to his potential.

As a note, I should say that "Uncle Joe" has no real chance after his numerous political blunders during the past seven years as the Vice President, from swearing on camera to throwing the President under the bus for his own values.

Republicans will now face a set of new challenges for their candidate. A previous favorite, Jeb Bush may face backlash from his brother's previous war in the Middle East (imagine the headlines: BUSH SENDS TROOPS BACK TO IRAQ) while someone like Chris Christie who has no real experience with the military will also lose points.

Indiana Governor Mike Pence may gain some more notability since his recent trip to Israel was seen as a basis for potential foreign policy prospects in the Middle East.

One thing is for sure, with military action in the Middle East, the next President must be prepared to take on anything.

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8. Jealous - Nick Jonas
9. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift
10. Centuries - Fall Out Boy

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10. Gloria

Grammy Awards deliver well with impactful performances

New artist Sam Smith ran away with the Grammy Awards on Sunday, February 8th, claiming Best New Artist, Best Pop Vocal Album, Song of the Year, and Record of the Year.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

The 57tb annual Grammy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 8, provided a night of unexpected winners and a show full of spectacular performances ranging from fun numbers to emotional ballads that provided a message.

The show opened with an explosive performance by AC/DC who performed the hits "Rock or Bust" and "Highway to Hell" while lights flashed and fireworks exploded in the background.

Following the opening performance, the first award of the night for Best New Artist went to Sam Smith. Smith also won Best Pop Vocal Album for his album In the Lonely Hour, Song of tbe Year for his song "Stay With Me," and Record of the Year. Smith dedicated his wins to his ex-boyfriend, who was the inspiration for many of his songs. "Thank you so much for breaking my heart," Smith said, "because you got me four Grammy's." Notable winners included Pharrell for Best Music Video, Beyoncé for Best R&B Performance, Beck for Best Rock Album, and Eminem for Best Rap Album. Perhaps the most surprising winner of the night was Beck – beating out Ed Sheeran, Sam Smith, Pharrell, and frontrunner Beyoncé – for Album of the Year. During Beck's acceptance speech, Kanye West pretended to interrupt, presumably to reenact his infamous gaffe from the 2009 VMA's, where West stole the microphone from Taylor Swift and said that Beyoncé had the best music video of all time.

Other performers included Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga, Ed Sheeran, Madonna, Kanye West, Rihanna, Paul McCartney, Usher, Ariana Grande, Sia, and Adam Levine. But the four performances which are sure to get the most people talking – and which set Twitter off – were from Pharrell, Katy Perry, Beyoncé, and John Legend and Common. The artists touched upon the important issues of racial inequality and domestic violence.

Pharrell performed his 2014 hit "Happy" in a more somber tone than usual and, during the end of his performance, he and his dancers put their hoods on and threw their hands up in the iconic "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" gesture that became popular after the Michael Brown shooting.

Katy Perry's performance opened up with a message from President Obama, urging people to become proactive about domestic violence, and then domestic violence survivor Brooke Axtell took the stage to share her story of abuse and perseverance. "Authentic love does not devalue a human being," Axtell said, "If you're in a relationship with someone who does not honor and respect you, I want you to know you are worthy of love. Please reach out for help – your voice will save you." Perry then sang an emotional rendition of her song "By the Grace of God."

Beyoncé performed "Precious Lord Take My Hand" dressed in full gospel attire with a gospel choir behind her, and, at the end of her performance, they all held their hands up in the same "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" gesture that Pharrell had employed earlier in the show.

John Legend and Common performed their powerful ballad "Glory" from the movie Selma, but they replaced words with "Ferguson" to get the full impact.

Legendary artist Prince also made a bold statement while presenting for Album of the year when he made a declaration about racial inequality. "Like books and black lives, albums still matter," Prince said.

Walking Dead returns with surprise

The Walking Dead is back with new episodes and the first gave viewers quite a surprise. The death of Tyreese was a shocker to most as he was a fan favorite and essential character.

Nicole Cooke & Nathan Benoit
Contributing Reporters

AMC's "The Walking Dead" returned from its mid-season hiatus with an emotion-packed episode ending with the death of a fan-favorite character. The show left off with the death of Beth Greene, which tore the group apart. This show never disappoints and continuously leaves you wanting more.

Returning after a brief pause from its record-breaking fall season, the show picked up with Rick and the rest of the survivors mourning the loss of their resident optimist, Beth. The group was wrecked with guilt, but that did not stop them from pursuing the goal of the episode – getting Noah home to his family.

In old zombie movies the focus is often on the zombies and not the survivors; however, this show is focused heavily on the survivors. The show has always had great quality and imagery, but this episode took it to a whole new level.

Tyreese's death was done well because it showed his subconscious thoughts as he looked back at his mistakes. The flash backs and music that played while Tyreese was dying were beautifully put together.

Also, we see that the way they shoot zombies has improved with some slow motion scenes. For example, a zombie walk towards the camera, and we see the bullet slowly move through its head when Rick shoots it.

The feel of the show was extremely somber, and it did not get any better with this mid-season premiere. As it usually transpires in "The Walking Dead," Noah had a grim feeling about what they would find when they reached his family's house, and that feeling came to fruition when he found out his whole family had turned into walkers.

The group tried to comfort him, and the group's resident teddy bear, Tyreese, set out to search Noah's house, which – Spoiler alert! – turned out to be a fatal mistake, as he was attacked and bit by a walker.

The group cut off Tyreese's arm in the hopes of saving him, but, alas, he was too far-gone to be saved. His death was necessary though. Beth died from someone shooting her, and the group has been facing a lot of other survivors causing you to forget about the other dangers still present out there.

The group was tired and week in the hot sun, so Tyreese was in a daze and got bit by a zombie, which shows us that the zombies are still a threat.

Even though it was revealed in ths fali that Eugene lied about the cure being in Washington, Michionne was still determined that the group get there since it could be their only chance at survival.

"Don't you want one more day with a chance?" Michionns asked Rick. It was settled – their next stop would be Washington. After Tyreese's funeral, that is.

"Dear White People" shows how black culture is misrepresented

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

The film "Dear White People" was one of the first events to kick off Black History Month at Westfield State. It showed the lives of four black students at a predominantly white Ivy League school and used humor to talk about traits of black culture that are misrepresented by white, mainstream culture.

Some of these aspects included hair, skin tone, class and status expectations, language and slang, food, and university quotas.

One of the bigger issues it mediated on was how wrong race parties are. These are culturally themed and are used to misrepresent and stereotype minority cultures.

The end of the film showed pictures of students at different universities using black face at these themed parties.

Many white students do not understand the roots of these jokes and the oppression they are linked to. After the film, there was a group discussion among the approximately thirty students that showed up guided by the newly founded, Black Students Association.

The best part of the film, I believe, was that the independent female role was not undermined, making Sam White the true protagonist of the movie.

The BSA led the discussion with thoughts on hate speech, whether it is in the community, music, or culture. This leads to a deeper discussion on how there are raised tensions where a strong black community is lacking.

Students shared their experiences in the south where racism is to be expected but black communities are stronger, and where white students seem to be more educated in black culture.

Some students were surprised when they came to school here because they felt like racism was the elephant in the room, and many people seemed confused or uneducated in black history and culture.

Many thought that northern states, like Massachusetts, used their liberal voting as a way to hide behind their racism – whether it be intentional or not – and as an excuse not to be more diverse.

Students also talked about how Black History Month is the shortest month of the year.

They felt like racism and oppression, as well as great feats with these struggles, are swept under the rug and forgotten about for the rest of the year.

Some students felt that more attention was brought to the Globe's destruction after the Super Bowl by hostile "celebrators" than to the students using explicit language towards students protesting that black lives matter.

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Directed by Hannah Clifford and Jen Guimond

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The show will be performed at Juniper Park Elementary School.

Eastwood deserves praise for highest grossing movie of career

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

Bradley Cooper shines in his portrayal of Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle in the 2014 movie American Sniper. Directed by Clint Eastwood, this movie portrays the real life tours of duty completed by sniper Kyle and the struggles faced by his wife, played by Sienna Miller.

After Kyle is injured and unable to continue with his profession as a bull rider, he finds himself at an Army recruitment office and is motivated to join.

The recruiter offers him a pamphlet on the NAVY SEALs, but cautions him that it is only for those who are tough enough and do not quit.

Never afraid of a challenge, Kyle signs up and begins the grueling training required to become a SEAL. Early on in his training when Kyle is having difficulties hitting a stationary target, it is discovered that he has a knack for shooting moving targets; he then becomes a precision sniper.

While many naysayers of the movie bash the glamorization of Kyle, a man who they argue killed with glee and was proud of his kills, this movie provides a great insight into the man behind the gun. Even without words, Cooper is able to portray the pain and struggle brewing inside of Kyle.

When Kyle is faced with the reality that he might have to kill a young boy, Cooper is able to portray Kyle's desire to do anything other than kill someone so young.

Pain fills Cooper's eyes, his finger starts shaking against his trigger, and he starts whispering "Please, don't, don't." It is a clear message to those who disagree with the movie.

Additionally, the following scene where Kyle is clearly disgusted with the kill that he was forced to make shows how mad he is that he had to kill someone. Cooper is nominated for his role in American Sniper, and his portrayal of Kyle is definitely Oscar worthy.

When Kyle is sent home from his tour and tries to assimilate back to "real" life, he has many difficulties, particularly in the simple acts of trusting fellow drivers on the road and being able to communicate in his life.

PHOTO FROM AMERICANSNIPERMOVIE.COM

American Sniper, directed by Clint Eastwood, tells the story of Chris Kyle (played by Bradley Cooper). It shows the adversity that soldiers must face while serving and when coming home.

Miller shines as his wife, Kaya, a woman who struggles to come to grips with the truth: the man that she married is no longer there.

The only limitations that this movie has is the fact that it relies upon a doll to portray Kyle's youngest daughter. The scene is uncomfortable from the beginning, relying on obviously fake CGI to make the lifeless doll's hand move while "breastfeeding" from Miller's character.

Cooper takes hold of the baby, and he is forced to move his own hand to try and show movement from the baby.

While the conversation in the scene is important in showing the struggle his wife is going through, the presence of the fake baby is paramount and takes the focus away from a serious scene. The result is something awkward and funny.

American Sniper has accumulated a world-wide gross of $361 million, which makes it Eastwood's highest-grossing film and one of the highest-grossing war films of all time. The movie was advertised well and the product lived up to the hype.

Fifty Shades of Grey is more unsettling than entertaining

PHOTO FROM FIFTYSHADESOFGREYMOVIE.COM

Fifty Shades of Grey is a controversial piece of literature, which is why it became so well known. However, some feel it enables abuse and domestic violence toward women.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

Valentine's Day is a day to spend with someone you love. It is a time to appreciate that special someone and to treat them with kindness. This is exactly why you should not go see Fifty Shades of Grey this Valentine's Day.

To put it simply, Fifty Shades of Grey is a book about an abusive relationship masquerading as a BDSM relationship.

This book trilogy is dangerous to young and old alike; it perpetuates the idea that being beaten is okay as long your partner is attractive and apologizes for it. It also gives the idea that it is not abuse as long as your partner incorrectly states that he is operating as a Dom. This is dangerous.

Fifty Shades of Grey claims to be about a BDSM relationship. That could not be more wrong. Real BDSM is not about abuse or coercion – it is about trust.

Christian Grey is a predator who takes advantage of a young girl's naivety and tricks her into thinking that an abusive relationship is one of a Dom and his sub.

He forces her to sign a contract – something that no true Dom would ever do because BDSM is all about open communication – and tells her that he will not be with her until she agrees.

He forces her to do sexual things that she does not want to do. That is rape.

He ignores her when she uses a safeword and continues – that is rape. He tells her that it excites him when she tells him no – that is a rapist's mentality.

This book glorifies an abusive relationship by portraying it as something romantic, or something to aspire to. Christian Grey is an abusive man masquerading as something he is not, and he gets away with it simply because he is a rich, beautiful man.

> ***From the viewpoint of a feminist...Fifty Shades of Grey is abhorrent. From the viewpoint of a woman...Fifty Shades of Grey is abhorrent.***

Abusive relationships happen in a cycle: there is the honeymoon or happy phase, which gradually evolves into something dangerous and then shifts back into the honeymoon phase once the abuser apologizes.

An abuser employs the typical tools of manipulation and blame that Christian Grey embodies to a T. He is charming to Anastasia, and then he lashes out and hits her.

Afterwards he apologizes, and she forgives him and believes that his lashing out is her fault. Christian blames her, berates her, calls her stupid, and Anastasia believes him because that is what abusers do – make their victims feel as if they are less than human and not deserving of love.

Christian isolates Anastasia from her friends – typical behavior of an abuser – and makes her terrified of every decision she makes. Anastasia's inner monologue contains multiple signs of an abuse victim's behavior; she is terrified of doing anything that will set him off.

One of the things that she thinks is, "I hope he doesn't hit me again." That is not romance. That is abuse.

Fifty Shades of Grey is not a movie about romance – it is a movie about abuse.

From the viewpoint of a feminist...Fifty Shades of Grey is abhorrent.

From the viewpoint of a woman... Fifty Shades of Grey is abhorrent.

From the viewpoint of someone who believes that abusing the one you love is wrong, and making someone feel as if they have no value as a human being is inexcusable... Fifty Shades of Grey is abhorrent.

This Valentine's Day, do not waste your money on a ticket to see Fifty Shades of Grey. Instead, take that money and donate it to a cause that works towards eradicating domestic violence rather than enabling it: a woman's shelter.

owls athletics

MEN'S HOCKEY

Owls finish even with Salem State in first draw of season

Freshman Jeremy Young, 14, of Lynnfield has 3 goals and 4 assists in 20 games this season. 6 of his 7 total points on the season have come in conference games to help the Owls to a 8-5-1 conference record.

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Men's Ice Hockey team skated to a 3-3 draw on Saturday against Salem State. The draw, which was their first of the year, keeps the Owls in second place in the MASCAC standings, trailing only Plymouth State.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead in the first frame with a breakaway goal from senior forward Dan Loughlin, however the Vikings tied the game at one apiece with 34 seconds left in the first with a Power Play goal from freshman Mike Casale. Westfield played the Vikings well early, holding leads of 1-0 and 2-1, but Salem State showed resiliency and it wasn't long before they bounced back. The Vikings eventually took a 3-2 lead off senior Chad Goodwin's Power Play goal with 13:07 left in the third period.

The Owls took back the lead when Cody Wilson scored a goal just 1:57 into the third period. Salem tied the game once again at two when Alex Minter added a Power Play goal.

Sophomore forward Maxime Richard tied the game after defenseman Kyllian Kirkwood rifled a shot from the blue line that sailed high over the net, but Cody Wilson and Cody-Campbell Rich worked the puck to create a chance for Richard. Richard netted the game-tying goal with 2:06 left in regulation to force overtime, but both teams were unable to score in the extra frame.

On the night, Owls senior goaltender Ian Perrier stopped 29 shots, while Vikings goaltender Marcus Zelzer made 27 saves. Salem State won the shots on goal battle, edging the Owls 32-30, including an 11-4 outburst in the third period. Both teams were even on penalties with nine each.

The Owls struggled mightily on the power play, going 0 for 5 on the one-man advantage, whereas Salem went 3 for 5 on the night.

With the draw, The Owls fall to 10-9-1 overall, including 7-5-1 in MASCAC play. Plymouth State currently leads the MASCAC conference with an 11-2-1 record. After that, it is a tight race with the rest of the seeds, with the biggest gap being only 4 points.

After winning six of their first eight games, including a 1-0 win over rival Western New England to take back the Falcon Cup, the Owls have struggled, going 3-7-1 in their last 11 games.

Dalton Jay still leads the team in scoring with 13 goals and 21 points this season. Jackson Leef, after having a breakout year last year as a freshman, leads the team in assists with 13.

On the goaltending side, Perrier leads the way with a .908 save percentage and 3.33 Goals Against Average. Sophomore Jonathan LoParco has been decent in spot starts and relief appearances with a .914 save percentage and a 3.55 GAA. Freshman Ethan Wood has even played in two games and has a save percentage of .828 and a GAA of 5.60.

The Owls' next three games are on the road. They play Worcester State Feb. 10th, Fitchburg State Feb. 14th, and UMass Dartmouth Feb. 19th before returning home to play Worcester State again on Feb. 21st, which is the "Pink in the Rink" event, and also the last home game of the season. Their final game of the regular season is on the road against top-ranked Plymouth State.

Owls continue undefeated conference run

WSU Athletic Department
Junior center Forbasaw Nkamebo (Amherst/Amherst, Mass.) scored 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Westfield State to a 70-55 win over Salem State University on Wednesday night in a MASCAC women's basketball game at the Twohig Gymnasium.

The win improves Westfield's record to 18-4 overall and 9-0 in the MASCAC. The Owls win, combined with Bridgewater State's loss at Worcester State tonight, assures the Owls at least a share of the MASCAC regular-season title and would hold a tiebreaker edge (head-to-head) in the event of a tie with Bridgewater. Westfield also ties a school record for consecutive wins in a season. Westfield has won 12 straight, the last setback coming on December 30th in the title game of the Westfield State Holiday Tournament at the hands of WPI.

Tonight, the Owls held a slim, 28-27, lead at the half before quickly extending that lead in the second stanza for a comfortable win. After Salem scored the first bucket of the second half, Westfield launched a 14-3 run to build a 10 point lead just five minutes into the second half. Nkamebo scored six of her points in that span and Jill Valley (Mahar/Orange, Mass.) added a pair of baskets in that key stretch.

Salem was largely unable to saw into the Owls lead, never getting closer than seven points, and trailing hy as many as 17.

Valley added 12 points as the only other Owl in double figures in scoring. Senior Jen Ashton (Beverly/Beverly, Mass.) scored nine points, and grabbed 11 rebounds, all at the defensive end of the floor.

The Vikings were led by 16 points and 10 rehounds from Rachel Carter, and got 13 points and 10 boards from Savannah Spinney. Salem falls to 4-17 overall, 2-7 in the MASCAC.

By clinching the MASCAC regular season title, the Owls assure themselves a bye in the quarterfinal round of the MASCAC tournament and will host a semi-final game in Westfield, and would host the league title game should they advance. Westfield claimed a share of the MASCAC title in 2014, and was the regular season champ in 2011 and 2009.

The 12-game win skein matches a school record that was set by the 1992-93 Owls and matched hy the 2008-09 Owls. Westfield will get a chance to extend that record win streak and lay claim to the outright MASCAC title on Saturday, when the Owls host Worcester State at 1:00 p.m.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 5
W BBall vs WNEU W 59-48
M BBall vs WCSU W 91-71
M Ice Hockey vs Framingham State W 5-3

Saturday, Saturday 7th
M Ice Hockey vs Salem State T 3-3 OT
M/W at Dartmouth College Indoor Classic (non-scoring)
W Swimming vs St. Joseph W 104-57

Tuesday, February 10th
W BBall at Salem State (PPD)
M BBall at Salem State (PPD)
M Ice Hockey at Worcester State W 3-2

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, February 13
W Swimming vs New England Championships

Saturday, February 14th
W BBall vs Worcester State 1:00 p.m.
M BBall vs Worcester State 3:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey at Fitchburg State 5:30 p.m.
W Swimming at New England Championships

Sunday, February 15th
W Swimming at New England Championships

Tuesday, February 17th
W BBall vs MCLA 5:30 p.m.
M BBall vs MCLA 7:30 p.m.

Goodell Pushes Safety

The NFL and youth football leagues have worked together in the past decade to make the game of football safer for players of all ages

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

The Super Bowl huzz is simmering down, Patriot fans aside, and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell is moving forward in hopes to create a safer league. But throughout the season, Goodell has been largely criticized, most notably for his judgment on player suspensions.

Sadly, there were multiple domestic abuse cases this season, with the biggest one involving Ray Rice of the Baltimore Ravens. Originally, he was suspended for the first two games of the season after heing involved in an altercation with his fiancé in a hotel elevator.

That wss not the controversial part of Goodell's ruling, seeing as he followed the league's discipline policy for the suspension. What was controversial, and hsve many people saying that Goodell should be replaced, is that tapes of the incident were received and filed hy the NFL far hefore Goodell released information about the tapes heing seen.

The reason I mention this is because Goodell has taken action in the past week and created a new position within the NFL to enforce player safety further. The position, aptly named Chief Medical Advisor, wss appointed to Elizabeth Nahel.

Although this does not directly correlate to player discipline, it is Goodell making a positive effort to enhance player safety and detract negative notions.

Creating this position will be very helpful for the league. Goodell made the right decision in hiring Nabel, who serves as the president of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

When Nabel was first informed ahout the position, she did not want to leave her job at Brigham and Women's, or her teaching joh at Harvard Medical School. Luckily for Nabel and the NFL, she is ahle to halance all three.

As the Chief Medical Advisor or the NFL, Nahel will be overseeing everything health related that goes on in the lesgue. This includes advising ways to enhance player safety, changing medical policies and making sure teams are following the proper procedures for injured players.

Nabel will definitely have her hands full as this new job takes off. She is already used to being busy with her position as President of Brigham and Women's as well as teaching medicine at Harvsrd Medical School. Nabel seems to he a perfect fit for the job. Her hiring benefits the NFL, its players, and Goodell himself.

Although Goodell has the safety of the players at his best interest, this act will also give him a better name and improve his standing among those who think poorly of him.

Regardless of what he may have done wrong in the past, he is moving on and continuing to better the National Football League.

PHOTO FROM NBC

Roger Goodell has been criticized publicly by fans, players, and media alike. What he does good for the game and community are often overshadowed by lapses in judgement.

Critics already counting Tiger out of Masters contention

PHOTO FROM PITCH PERFECT GOLF

Tiger Woods used to be on pace to be the greatest golfer of all-time, but now critics and fans alike wonder if he will ever win another major amid injuries and age catching up to him.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

We know him as Tiger, hut for Eldrick Woods, glory haan't been visihle for a few years now. Tiger Woods was once said to break the great Jack Nicklaus's record of major tournament victories, a record thst currently sits at 18. But after last year, and a suh-par start to this one, is Tiger Woods "done"?

Following his infidelity scandal in 2009 in which he was found to be chesting on his then-wife Elin Nordegren with at least a dozen other women, Tiger hasn't heen the same golfer since.

Going into 2009, Tiger had won multiple Major Championships, hut since the scandal, Tiger has shown a steady decline in which he has been unable to replicate his prior consistency.

With that said, his 2014 performance was nothing to be proud of. In the Majors Tournaments last year, Woods placed no better than 69th.

While he didn't play in The Masters or the U.S. Open, Tiger may have not fared well in either one of these tournaments, especially considering he missed the cut at the PGA Championship.

As a result, Tiger has fallen to 62nd in the World Golf Rankings, the worst rsnking he has ever held. If he is to miss the cut at The Master, the once first overall could fall out of the Top 100.

It's just sad to think ahout because Woods was the face of the sports for so many years.

Watching Tiger golf just doesn't seem to bring excitement anymore. The fire and intensity thst Tiger brought to the course was something that was almost incomparahle to his time.

Now with all the injuries and the repercussions of the scandal, we aren't seeing the same Tiger that was so electrifying in the past.

Injuries have also plagued Woods over the past six to seven years. His hack, neck and leg injuries have been almost instrumental in his play. You could see him in visible pain in the tournaments that he played in for much of 2014. If these injuries keep up, the downfall of Tiger is imminent.

I hate to say that Tiger Woods is over the hill and he's not good anymore – I just can't say it. Woods must perform well in The Masters to solidify himself as the key figure in golf, hut with many already counting him out and saying he has no chance at Augusta, how can you not say he's done.

With The Masters only two months away and Tiger not getting sny healthier, it's hard to think that he will be good enough to win it. Let's just hope he can go out and perform, or we may never see the Tiger we all fell in love with.

CLARK - *from the front page*

tha event emotional and wispy, knowing their time on the Wastfield State University campus will be coming to a close. The event higlighted the fact that college was quickly wrapping up.

Over the course of the next 100 days, members of tha class of 2015 will he collecting photos from seniors that show what Westfield State means to them. Seniors can post the photos on social media using the hashtag #100OwlDays.

Senior sweatshirt orders are going tc be taken by Kimbarlea Hosmer in the SGA office until Friday, Feb. 13. That is the last day that orders will be accepted.

Senior Fest packets are still on sale. The packets are $205.

A detailed list of the Senior Fest events can be found online at westfield.ma.edu/tickets/.

More information can be found hy emailed Richard Darrach at classof2015@westfield.ma.edu.

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Dean Smith 1931-2015

Former North Carolina and Hall of Fame coach Dean Smith passes away after helping to reshape the game of basketball as we know it today.

Dean Smith was only ever the head coach of North Carolina and the US men's national team. His 879-254 career record second in win percentage of coaches with over 800 wins behind Adolph Rupp. During his coaching tenure, Smith reached 11 Final Fours and won 2 National Championships. He won the ACC tournament 13 times and won the ACC regular season title 17 times. Smith was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983 and he won 1 gold medal with the USA Men's team in 1976.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

Former University of North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith passed away peacefully in his sleep last Saturday at the age of 83. A two time NCAA Champion and four time Coach of the Year, Smith will surely be remembered as one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time.

Long before his coaching days, Smith's story begins at the University of Kansas. After being awarded an academic scholarship, Smith played for the Kansas Jayhawks, where he won a championship in 1962 under Phog Allen. After graduation, Smith returned to Kansas to work as an assistant coach.

After a brief stint in the United States Air Force and a stint as assistant coach for the Air Force Academy, Smith would join North Carolina's staff as an assistant coach in 1958, where he would remain for the rest of his coaching career. His role as an assistant coach was short lived, however, amidst a recruiting scandal by the head coach in 1961. Smith would take over the job shortly thereafter.

Smith would struggle to win following the scandal, failing to finish better than tied for second in the Atlantic Coast Conference in his first five years and failing to make the NCAA Tournament. Smith would gain his rhythm in the 1966-67 season, however, and in his next three years he made the Final Four, even finishing as the runner-up in 1967-68 to John Wooden's UCLA Bruins.

During the 1970's, Smith continued to build himself as a dynasty in the ACC. Although he would finish first in the ACC for four straight years, and finishing no worse than second every other year, Smith was unable to garner a title.

Smith's luck changed, however, in 1981 with the signing of Michael Jordan. Alongside James Worthy and Sam Perkins, Jordan would bring Smith his first national title after finishing 32-2 in the regular season, narrowly defeating the John Thompson-led Georgetown in the Championship Game. In perhaps one of the most famous plays of all time, Georgetown's Fred Brown turned the ball over by passing directly to Worthy, sealing the 63-62 victory in the final seconds.

It would be 11 years before Smith would win his second title in 1993. Led by George Lynch, Derrick Phelps and Donald Brown, the Tar Heels earned their first #1 Associated Press ranking since 1987-88 midway through the season.

That year, Smith would face his successor Roy Williams and Kansas in the NCAA Final Four, where they easily defeated his alma mater 78-68. North Carolina would once again face the Fab Five in a rematch from an earlier game that season, however once again a foolish mistake led the Tar Heels to victory.

In the game, Michigan's Chris Webber called a timeout for the Wolverines with no timeouts remaining late in the game, leading to a technical foul and eventually their defeat.

Smith would lead the Tar Heels for four more seasons before retiring in 1997. He left North Carolina as the winningest coach in NCAA history. His list of accomplishments also includes 27 consecutive 25-win seasons, 17 regular-season ACC titles, 13 ACC Tournament titles, 11 Final Fours, two national championships, nine ACC Coach of the Year awards, four Coach of the Year awards, 25 NBA first round picks, 879 wins, a 77.6% lifetime winning percentage, and even an Olympic Gold Medal from the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics.

Smith is the greatest coach in NCAA history not only because he knew how to win, but because he knew how to truly earn the respect of his players, as he had respected them.

Not only did he know how to recruit some of the best talent, he knew how to build a player and make him succeed, on and off the court. Throughout his 36 years of coaching, 96.6% of players earned their degrees. Smith was able to develop his players as they prepared for the NBA, as five of them won either ABA or NBA Rookie of the Year awards.

Along with being a legendary coach, Smith was also a strong advocate for desegregation, even recruiting the school's first African American scholarship athlete in 1964.

Along with this, Smith also helped other African American students, including helping a graduate student named Howard Lee desegregate an all white neighborhood by helping him purchase a house.

Truly, Dean Smith will always be one of the greatest college coaches of all time. His ability to lead, take risks, and emphasize dedication, equality, and perseverance will live on. College basketball and the world will never truly be the same without him.

Lockout Imminent

Major League Soccer is on the verge of a lockout with domestic football at its highest point in two decades

PHOTO FROM MLSSOCCER.COM

The state of US soccer is as positive as it has been in the past twenty years. The USMNT is already gearing up for a deep run in the 2018 World Cup in Russia with striker Clint Dempsey and midfielder Michael Bradley (above) leading the way. Two new expansion teams in the MLS are sure to grab the attention on New York and Orlando respectively along with the players they are bringing in. The state of soccer in the US gives MLS players leverage in a potential strike that may take effect in early March.

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

The potential for the MLS this season is at an all-time high. International superstars and familiar USMNT faces are making their way to the United States to help build and expand the domestic football interest. New organizations are making their debuts, and the USMNT is gearing up for the 2018 World Cup after a winter camp that stirred a pot of questions. Soccer and sports fans alike should have their eye on the upcoming season – tentatively scheduled to begin March 6.

The collective bargaining agreement between the MLS and MLSPU expired on Jan. 31, and there is no sign of negotiations turning in a positive direction hy early March. The two primary points that the MLSPU is pushing for is free agency and increased compensation for players.

The average salary of MLS players in 2014 was $207,831 with a median of $91,827. MLSPU executive member, Todd Dunivant, sees an increase in salary essential to expanding US soccer. Neighboring Mexico has an average salary of $418,439 for players in Liga MX.

"You look at [Liga MX] salaries versus ours, it's not even close, yet we're expected to go out and compete with those guys and win the CONCACAF Champions League," he said, "Our national team has proven that they're right on par, if not better, than Mexico. Now it's time for our clubs to do that. In order to do that, you have to be realistic and you have to know that you're competing on completely different playing fields when their salary cap is two or three times higher than ours."

The free agency idea that the MLSPU is currently selling to the MLS owners is one that allows the veterans freedom to choose. Any player who has reached a fixed numher of matches or years in the MLS will be given the ability to decide, independent of organizations, where to play. The plan is to provide incentive to those players to remain in the United States rather than to sign overseas.

Although players are in support of the choice that is present in the NBA, MLB, NFL, and NHL, MLS deputy commissioner Mark Abbott disagrees. He insists that the current single entity method currently entertained hy the MLS has provided growth and stahility over the past 20 years.

Key players, like Michael Bradley and Omar Gonzalez, are talking about striking in the coming weeks. However, if the season does carry on as planned, these are the headlines to follow.

The buzz surrounding the beginning of the season in March this year is something that the MLS has never seen hefore. Jozy Altidore is set to return, joining fellow USMNT teammate Michael Bradley, at Toronto FC along with Sacha Kljestan who will join the New York Red Bulls. Two new expansion franchises in Orlando City SC and New York City FC are set to make their debuts against one another on March 8 at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

NYCFC is 80 percent owned hy City Foothall Group and 20 percent owned hy Yankee Global Enterprises. Manchester City and the New York Yankees paid a collective $100 million expansion fee to join the league, and the team will play their home games at Yankee Stadium until 2018. Etihad Airways, hased in Abu Dhahi, will he the inaugural jersey sponsor since they are the primary sponsor for City Foothall Group while Adidas and Heineken were named as secondary sponsors.

USMNT midfielder Mix Diskerud and Spanish forward David Villa headline the opening day roster as they wait for English national Frank Lampard to finish his extended loan with Manchester City in June. Steven Gerrard will also leave Liverpool after the 2014-15 Premier League season ends. Gerrard will join the LA Galaxy on an 18-month contract before deciding his future.

Despite the fact that NYCFC is in its first season as a professional club, it is expected to seriously contend for the Eastern Conference title. Being owned hy two teams with a combined value of $3.4 billion can only help to hring in talent as well as create buzz around the club.

Orlando City was announced as the twentieth MLS cluh in November of 2013 and is the first team located in Florida since the league folded the Miami Fusion and Tampa Bay Mutiny in 2001. After finishing stints with AC Milan and Real Madrid for the past 11 years, Brazilian midfielder Kaká headlines Orlando's roster. If nothing else, Kaká was the first sportsperson to amass 10 million followers on Twitter.

After the USMNT winter camp and recent 2-0 friendly victory against Panama, the support and excitement is at an all-time high for domestic foothall. When and if the MLS season hegins, it is sure to be a historic one.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Syracuse Orange basketball self-imposes ban on postseason play; Team taking it in stride

Jim Boeheim was disappointed with the postseason ban, but understood the reasoning behind the decision. His real disappointment came in that Rakeem Christmas, senior forward, would not see another postseason in his college career.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Last week, news broke that the Syracuse Orange basketball team would impose a postseason ban on themselves.

This news sent shockwaves across the college basketball world, as fans and observers alike were looking forward the Orange's attempt at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament in March.

In regards to policy violations that occurred during the heyday of Syracuse basketball in the earlier part of the last decade, the university began an investigation. Many observers suspected the ban to be put into place in anticipation of the NCAA imposing a similar sanction or something stricter.

Jim Boeheim, in his 39th year as head coach of the Orange, expressed disappointment regarding the ban but was supportive of the decision.

"I am very disappointed that our basketball team will miss the opportunity to play in the postseason this year," he said.

"However, I supported this decision and I believe the University is doing the right thing by acknowledging that past mistakes occurred," he added.

No current student-athlete bas been implicated in the investigation as the SU athletics department has said that the incident dates back to the 2007 season.

According to the Syracuse Post-Standard, the university has imposed "a series of reforms in 2007 to strengthen policies and procedures, implement a series of best practices, and realign and improve a range of student-athlete support services."

Kent Syverud, university chancellor, said in a statement that "[t]he University has taken this matter seriously and worked with the NCAA for nearly eight years to investigate and address potential rules violations. The process has been exhaustive."

The players themselves have taken this ban in stride.

Rakeem Christmas, senior forward from Philadelphia, Penn., said to the university's student newspaper, The Daily Orange, "Everyone's been tighter. We've always been a tight family, but everyone's tighter now. Everyone's been just trying to give it their all."

Kaleb Joseph, freshman point-guard from Nashua, N.H., said, "It's a basketball game no matter what."

Critics and fans are divided as to what this means for the Orange. This season has been dull compared to the last two years, but tbe Orange did have a chance at the postseason tourneys.

In an article written for SportingNews.com, sportswriter Mike DeCourcy writes that Syracuse players were duped of an opportunity to play in the postseason under the guise of an investigation that has been taking place over the past eight years.

"When the season began, the mission for the Syracuse players was obvious: win enough games, as the past six Orange teams have done, and you will be rewarded with a berth in the NCAA Tournament," he said.

He continued, "Syracuse has changed the rules here...One does not begin the game under one set of rules only to be informed when the game nearly is complete that the rules are entirely different."

Only time will tell what comes of the postseason ban. One closely watched storyline is the potential for the NCAA to add sanctions on top of the self-imposed ban. The NCAA ivestigation is still ongoing as of press time.

horoscopes

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Aries
(March 21 - April 20): You will be running into a new love interest at chess club, but do you really want to date someone who is in the chess club?

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21): The position of Mercury suggests that you will never find true love. Already in a committed relationship? Consider reevaluating.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21): An amazing new love interest is on the horizon. Enjoy him or her for a few weeks before it inevitably goes down in flames.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22): An intense new spark will be ignited between your crush and a much more attractive person than you.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23): Make sure they offer menus in Braille for your blind date this weekend.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22): You will have a hot date with two promising suitors this Valentine's Day: Ben & Jerry.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22): Your Valentine's Day will not be very amorous. At least your mom loves you.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21): Your past love experiences have been complete failures. The stars suggest pursuing knitting instead.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21): The stars predict you will receive a Valentine from a secret admirer. Don't get ahead of yourself; it is just that homeless man who frequently hangs out in your stairwell.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19): The stars suggest that this year, you give the card for that "special someone" to your mom instead.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18): An attractive potential mate will ask you on a date this week. When that falls through, your cats will be waiting in bed for you.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20): The stars report nothing in regards to your love life, Pisces. Maybe if you had any past experiences, they would have some grounds for a valid prediction.

games & leisure

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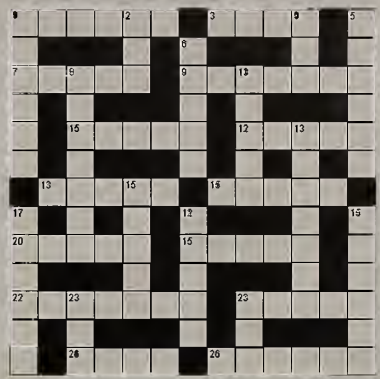

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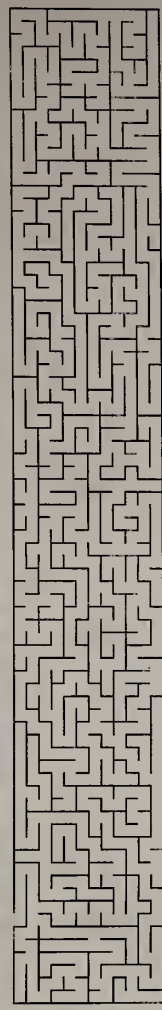

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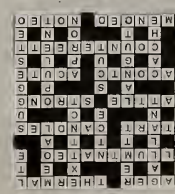

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Senators hear about Leadership Voyage Compass programs; Comm Club awarded funds for NYC trip

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

It was business as usual at the Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday. The 45-minute meeting was a far cry in comparison to the Feb. 10 two-hour-long meeting, but motions were made, votes were counted, and useful information was given out to all.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, first welcomed everyone and announced a change in the agenda saying Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, was not speaking this evening.

Instead, Matthew Dellea, manager of student activities, spoke to the SGA. He said he was in charge of coordinating the Leadership Voyage program. The program, he said, has expanded to be an on-campus event for the first time this year along with its already planned weekend retreats.

"The mission of the program is to prepare students for leadership roles and responsibilities in civic engagement to the campus [and] to the local and global community," Dellea said. He said over 30 workshops are being offered this semester, and every semester new workshops are added with each bringing something new.

Dellea brought up three different levels of the program, which are bronze, silver, and gold. Bronze, he said, is the first level designed to work on your life skills and basic leadership skills such as: time management, stress management, money, and how to finance graduate school.

He said the second level, silver compass, is about practicing leadership. He said that team building, motivation, processing change, and some training, is taken from the book, The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey.

Dellea said the third and final gold level is not yet ready to be introduced. The gold level is about building your personal leadership model and will be introduced to students in the fall 2015 semester, he said.

He said eventually students will be required to take the bronze level first in order to take the sliver compass workshops, but now any student can jump into any level of workshop they want. Dellea went on to say that the different levels will give certificates after a student completes the workshops.

The three certificates, he said, are: the emerald, which focuses on your personal finances; the diamond, which concentrates on diversity and inclusion; and, lastly, the sapphire certificate, which focuses on service leadership. Each certificate requires eight completed workshops and students receive them at the end of the semester.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, asked the number students that have participated in the workshops this year. Dellea responded that the fall 2014 semester had 191 students take part, and this semester around 20 to 30. He said the problem with the semester is that the snow days have canceled a lot of the workshops. "Because, you know, Westfield State is closed on Mondays this semester." Dellea jokingly added and the senators laughed.

Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, asked how to sign up for a Voyage workshop. Dellea said there are online registrations, flyers around campus, and weekly emails sent by Kim Morgan that show upcoming workshops.

Morgan Suddeth, representative of the class of 2017, asked how long each workshop is, and Dellea said that each workshop is no more than an hour. "One of our mottos is, 'building leaders one hour at a time'," he said.

DiVico took over the podium after Dellea was finished and motioned to appoint Lezlie Campbell as representative-at-large for the remainder of the academic year, which passed unanimously. After the madam president used her presidential powers, she introduced Joshua Frank to the podium.

He said the open forum for the presidential search committee had a decent turnout for an afternoon event. He said the next step in the search is to develop the position description to find appropriate applicants. Frank lastly said that Board of Trustees' next meeting is currently being voted on, and the options for dates are Apr. 6 and Apr. 13.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, printed out the snow removal survey that he promised to make in wake of concerns from students regarding the university's snow removal strategy. The survey asks students who have cars on campus what their opinions are on snow removal for the university.

It asks for the student's name and email, which are optional, followed by the student's class year and type of parking pass. The survey ends with an open-ended question asking the student what he or she thinks about the University's communication in regards to related concerns such as school closings and delays. If a student completes the survey, which will be through Survey Monkey on the internet, then they are entered to win $25 in Owl Bucks.

Sara Palis, representative-at-large, asked Clark if the survey would be for faculty/staff as well and he said the survey is for students only.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, asked if the survey is only for students with a car on campus. Clark said he felt that the survey would be for drivers who deal with parking lots, especially South Lot, but students who have issues about sidewalks can select the "other" option on the survey.

Victoria Landry, representative of the class of 2015, commented on the sidewalks saying she saw a girl in a wheelchair get stuck in the snow near the Dining Commons un-shoveled sidewalk in the morning, and she suggested that Clark add a section for students without cars for the survey. "I saw the girl too, it was disappointing," he added.

Clark motioned to send the survey to the university with the pending changes from the senators, and the motioned passed unanimously.

Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, gave the Academic Policies Committee report. In the report, he said that the office of Academic Affairs has requested that the date Thursday, March 5 should become a Monday class schedule for

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Peruvian chef visits Tim & Jeanne's Dining Commons...

Voice reporter Nathan Benoit covers the visit by Peruvian chef Piero Orezzoli. Article can be found on page fourteen.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Tickets available for the Westfield State Cotillion; Dinner-dance to be held March 20 at Tekoa CC

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

"The universe is ours," says the Student Government Association's Cotillion Committee.

That is the theme of the Westfield State Cotillion, which will be held on March 20 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Tekoa Country Club.

The event was called the Owl Ball in the 2012-2013 academic year, but was called the Senate Banquet for decades before that. It was held at Chez Josef in Agawam, Mass. There was not an "Owl Ball" last year due to low turnout for the 2013 event.

After a new name and a vote of confidence from the SGA's Executive and Legislative Councils, respectively, the Westfield State Cotillion was born.

Just as in previous years, guests are expected to attend in semi-formal wear, which mimics the attire for an event such as a high school prom. There are about 250 tickets available for the event, which is to be held at the Tekoa Country Club on Rt. 20 in Westfield this year.

The tickets are $33, which is a seven-dollar decrease from the $40 that they were in previous years.

First introduced by Andrew Morin, SGA executive secretary, at the Nov. 18, 2014 meeting of the Student Government Association, the event is expected to draw a good crowd considering its absence last year.

"I'm very happy to be bringing it back to campus," Morin said at the time.

At the following meeting on Dec. 2, Morin explained the meaning of the word 'cotillion,' which had drawn questions from senators and students alike.

"If people are wondering, a cotillion is an old-fashioned word for a formal dinner-dance or ball, so spread the word if there are questions," he said according to the minutes of that meeting.

After announcing the event, Morin formed a committee, which is sanctioned by the SGA Constitution for such purpose.

The committee met over the course of the fall semester and the beginning of this semester to begin the arduous task of planning such an event.

Morin and Evelyn Dina, SGA legislative secretary, are chairing the committee. One important detail in planning the Cotillion is the choice of food.

It was announced at the Feb. 10, 2015 meeting of the Student Government that there will be a buffet-style dinner.

Morin said, "We will start with a fresh garden salad with the dressing choice of classic Italian or peppercorn Parmesan. The entrees are pork tenderloin, vegetable primavera, or a stuffed chicken breast. The side dishes will be a vegetable medley and roasted red bliss potatoes. For dessert, there will be a chocolate mousse."

An important step in choosing the menu for the Cotillion was a food tasting, which was done at the Tekoa Country Club. "The committee really enjoyed the food and we are excited to have everyone try it on March 20," he added.

To purchase a ticket for the Cotillion, go to westfield.ma.edu/tickets. Once a ticket has been purchased, a confirmation email will be sent to the guest, which must be brought down to Kim Hosmer in the SGA office to pick up the actual ticket to the event and plan the table arrangements for your party.

Tickets have been on sale since Tuesday.

Students and/or their guests who are over the age of 21 can purchase alcohol from the cash-only bar at Tekoa. They must present their valid ID at the door to be given a wristband that indicates their ability to purchase alcohol.

The evening will start at 7 p.m. with a cocktail hour. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. with entertainment provided by Rob Alberti's Event Services beginning at 9 p.m. and lasting to midnight.

Shuttles will be provided to take guests to the event from the university and vice versa. Because of the nature of the event, the shuttle service was highly recommended by Barbara Hand, SGA advisor, and Morin in an email sent to the student body.

Shuttle service will begin at 6:45 p.m. Guests seeking to take the shuttle are expected to meet in front of Scanlon Hall.

Since the Cotillion is a sanctioned university event, breathalyzers will he present and used by the security personnel if necessary.

If there are any questions about tickets or the purchasing process, they can be directed to Barbara Hand at bhand@westfield.ma.edu or Andrew Morin at execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

A UMass press release stated that the University will admit Iranian students into the science and engineering programs in order to meet the requirements of the Iran Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012. In years past, the University had banned Iraniana from certain programs in the College of Engineering and College of Natural Sciences which sparked outrage and debate.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Karin Ruhlandt is welcomed as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University. Ruhlandt has served as interim dean since July 2014, and was chair of the chemistry department beforehand, starting in 2009. Ruhlandt says she would like to see the three areas of the college - humanities, sciences, and social sciences - come together more in the future.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences is begining the process of moving their school to Allston, MA. The plan is for two-thirds of the school to be moved over in 2019.

It may be decided that other facilities will also be moving across the river, such as new performing arts spaces. Recommendations for additions include a relaxation space, an exhibition area, and shuttle improvements.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

The unit on violence against women will no longer be included in the annual summer orientation for incoming UConn students. Arguments for the change debated that sexual violence information sessions would be better received in the fall when students are settled on campus. The space in the orientation program is being filled with programs from the office of Wellness and Prevention.

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the university. If March 5 gets snowed in, the Monday class schedule will be moved to March 19.

He said this would be designed to give the Monday seminar classes, who have met only once this semester due to the snow, a chance to get more class time. "Some are opposed and some are in support with this," Cubetus said.

Megan Doerie, representative-at-large, said that students should get early notice if the request is fulfilled because of the students that work on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cubetus used Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, as an example to show the effect that the changes would have on students by pointing out that Dumas was unable to attend the SGA meeting to the President's Day schedule change.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, said that students cannot be marked absent in class if it is held on a different day during the week by university policy.

Landry added that adjunct professors may not understand that policy fully and it should be emailed to them.

Carlin gave the Finance Committee report and said that the EMS Club funds of over $7,000 that were given to them last semester has been put back into the Finance Committee's money pool. He said that the University's legal counsel said the computer software the EMS Club wanted to buy was not suitable for their needs at this time.

Carlin then moved on to the Communication Club's proposal requesting funds to go to New York for an educational trip on March 18. The club requested $1,177.50 in an emergency meeting last Wednesday. Christopher Gullen, assistant professor in the communication department, gave details on the on trip. The trip will take students to 5W Public Relations firm, a major public relation firm, as well as Paley Center for Media, the Sony Wonder Technology Lab museum, and Google. Thirty-six students and four faculty members will be on the trip, and Gullen said it is open to all students regardless of majors.

Brandon Trafford, representative-at-large, asked if the Communication department will put forth their own money for the trip. Gullen said possibly.

Frank said that the money being proposed does not cover all of the clubs cost, and Gullen said the students going will have to pay a small fee as well. Carlin said that the transportation cost is always split 50/50 with the Committee so they will be paying $737.50, hut the full price is $1,475.

The motion to allocate the funds for the Communication Club passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will he Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

2015-2016 HOUSING SIGN-UP CHECKLIST

courtesy of the Department of Residential Life and Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life

Westfield State University

Checklist, Tips, & Suggestions

For Successful Housing Registration!!!

2014-2015

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Information Sessions	Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Dining Commons
Disability Accommodation Requests Due	February 27	4:00 PM	Banacos Center
Housing Deposit Due	March 1	11:59 PM	Online in MyHousing
Living Learning Community Applications Due	March 4	4:00 PM	Residential Life
Disability Accommodation Decisions Emailed	March 5	Noon	University Email
Living Learning Community Decisions Emailed	March 13	Noon	University Email
Living Learning Community Selection	March 17	Noon	Residential Life
Meet & Greet —All Students	March 17	7:00 PM	University Hall
Selection Day #1 for SR/JR Groups Only	March 18	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #2 for SR/JR/SO Groups Only	March 23	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #3 for SR/JR/SO/FY Groups	March 25	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #4 for Random Assignment	March 27	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing

Checklist

- ☐ Log onto MyHousing located in your myWestfield account under the Campus Life tab; Mouse over the Applications tab and click on Housing Agreement 2015-2016—Current Students.
- ☐ Pay your $200 Housing Deposit.
- ☐ Check your email for a confirmation message; Mouse over the Housing Sign-Up tab and click on Roommates/ Suitemates; Search by Last Name and request your roommates.
- ☐ Confirm your Roommate Group is MATCHED; NOT MATCHED will appear next to students who have not accepted their requests. Be sure all students in your group have confirmed BEFORE your Selection Night.
- ☐ Check your e-mail the day before Selection Nights to find out your selection time.
- ☐ Have the member of your group with the earliest selection time log onto MyHousing; Mouse over Housing Sign-Up and click on Select a Room/Suite; Select a room/suite from those available, place your group into the correct rooms and click Submit.
- ☐ Look on screen for the confirmation of your selection and check your e-mail for confirmation of your selection.
- ☐ Relax, your housing is now confirmed for 2014-2015!

Tips & Suggestions

- **Get together with your future roommates on your sign up nights and make an event out of it!**
- **Have the person with the earliest selection time ready to select for your group.**
- **Use the wired network during selection to avoid interruptions of your wireless signal.**
- **Have MULTIPLE back-up plans in case your first choice for housing does not work out. This includes multiple housing options and multiple roommate options.**

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Westfield State and UMass Libraries join forces to honor civil rights leader W.E.B. DuBois

From Press Release

In honor of Black History Month, Westfield State University will collaborate with UMass Libraries, St. John's Congregational Church, Beta Sigma Boule, and Springfield Public Schools to hold a tribute for W.E.B. Dubois at St. John's Congregational Church in Springfield on Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m.

William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts on February 23, 1868. Du Bois grew up to become a pioneering civil rigbts leader and visionary of equality and democracy. He was the first African American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University and a pioneer in the fields of sociology and history. A founding member of the NAACP, DuBois was also a playwright, poet, novelist, and cultural critic.

The event includes a performance of the play "W.E.B. Dubois: A Man for All Times," by the Pulse Ensemble Theater group from New York City. Event organizer Brooks Fitch, consultant to UMass Libraries, said the tribute and the play share a message.

"Knowledge is not enough, we must act," Fitch said. "There are a lot of lessons that W.E.B. Dubois gave. Dubois is a man of all times. That template of what he did and how he did it is relevant to today."

In addition to St. John's Music Ministry and the play, there will be performances by the Westfield State Chorus, Gospel Choir, and So Seductive Step Team. Each performance will reflect the theme of W.E.B. DuBois's life and the elements of Black History Month.

Fitch said the event will appeal to adults and kids alike.

"We hope to provide aspirational modeling for young people in particular to encourage them to go to further their education," Fitch said. "The tribute lets adults see all that all aspects of the community, college students, etc. have a common focus."

The event will be held at St. John's Congregational Church because of its significance to Dubois and what he stood for. Abolitionist John Brown was a member of the church when he lived in Springfield and Springfield became a hub of the Underground Railroad due to the activities of St. John's. Dubois also attended the church on occasion.

Fitch said he hopes those who attend the event leave feeling empowered.

"The W.E.B. Dubois Tribute is about American history," Fitch said. "It's a sense of resolution. Despite the handicaps and obstacles, here we are."

The W.E.B. DuBois event is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by UMass Libraries, St. John's Congregational Church, and Beta Sigma Boule.

Since 1974, Westfield State has held special events during the month of February dedicated to informing students, faculty, and staff as well as the community about the importance of black history, culture, and traditions. Black History Month is organized by a committee of faculty and staff. For more information, visit www.westfield.ma.edu/bhm.

Westfield State goes 'Into the Woods' with MTG performance

From Press Release

Westfield State University's student-run group the Musical Theatre Guild (MTG) will perform the musical "Into the Woods" from Thursday, February 19 to Saturday, February 21 at Juniper Park Elementary School. The shows will take place at 7:30 p.m. nightly with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday.

"Into the Woods" was first brought to the stage in San Diego in 1986 and the musical premiered on Broadway in 1987. The music and lyrics were written by Steven Sondheim and the book was written by James Lapine.

The plot of "Into the Woods" brings together fairytales from the Brothers Grimm such as "Little Red Riding Hood," "Rapunzel," and "Cinderella," among others, and interweaves the fairytale characters with the original story of a baker, his wife, and a witch who has cast a curse on them.

The musical has won multiple Tony Awards including Best Score and Best Book. It was recently made into a film by Disney starring Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt, and James Corden.

The Musical Theatre Guild is the oldest student-run club on campus, and was founded in 1972. The club puts on two musicals per school year. MTG has just four weeks to organize a full musical, including learning a full score and script, movement during each scene, dancing, and constructing a full set for the show.

MTG's performance of "Into the Woods" is directed by seniors Hannah Clifford, '15, of Needham, Mass., and Jennifer Guimond, '15, of Methuen, Mass. Both directors say they have been wanting to put on this particular show for a while now.

"We had both wanted to do this show before the movie was even announced," Guimond said. "With the movie coming out, we believed this would be the perfect time to perform the show."

Guimond says that she and Clifford were drawn to and inspired by certain aspects of the movie-version of the musical, but the two wanted MTG's enactment to be original and reflective of who they are as individuals.

"We've worked with our cast to develop their characters to be their own and not just copies from the stage or movie production," Guimond said.

Both directors acknowledged that there were certain challenges that they had to be ready for when choosing to perform this musical.

"This show can be challenging because it has music by Stephen Sondheim," Clifford said. "We felt we had the right people in this club to perform this show, and face all the challenges that came along with it."

Clifford and Guimond believe that the themes of "Into the Woods" will resonate with audiences.

"The characters in the show go through a journey to get what they want," Clifford said. "In the end, they ultimately learn to go after what they need instead of what they want. We hope the audience follows the characters through their discovery."

Tickets can be purchased at the door for a student price of $2.00 and a general admission price of $6.00.

Soul Café celebrates Black History Month at Westfield

From Press Release

In honor of Black History Month, Westfield State will hold "Soul Café," a night dedicated to students, faculty, and staff expressing themselves through jazz ensembles, poetry, step, dance, and song on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Owl's Nest in the Ely Campus Center.

Since 1974, Westfield State has held special events during the month of February dedicated to informing students, faculty, and staff as well as the community about the importance of black history, culture, and traditions. Black History Month is organized by a committee of faculty and staff.

The event, coordinated by Dickinson Hall Residence Director and Black History Committee Chair Ashiah Richeme, is free and open to the public.

People who plan to attend the event should not only expect free hot chocolate and tea, but a night "for our campus community to come together and enjoy the arts," said Richeme.

The event is based off Westfield State's open mic nights, which occur monthly. "Soul Café" is dedicated to singer-songwriter, musician, and civil rights activist Nina Simone, whose songs will be played in between performances.

The next event in the Westfield State Black History Month calendar is set to take place on Sunday February 22 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass. The event will be held as a tribute to African-American civil rights activist W.E.B. DuBois. Westfield State's Chorus, Gospel Choir, and So Seductive Step Team will perform in collaboration with UMass Amherst Libraries, the W.E.B. DuBois Center at UMass Amherst, Springfield Public Schools, and other organizations in honor of DuBois.

For more information regarding the events celebrating Black History Month, please visit www.westfield.ma.edu/bhm.

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crime log

On Feb. 8, a drug law violation occurred at 2:00 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 11, larceny occurred between 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 12 in the Dining Commons. The case is open.

On Feb. 13, a drug law violation occurred at 12:01 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb 13, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:08 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 13, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:29 p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

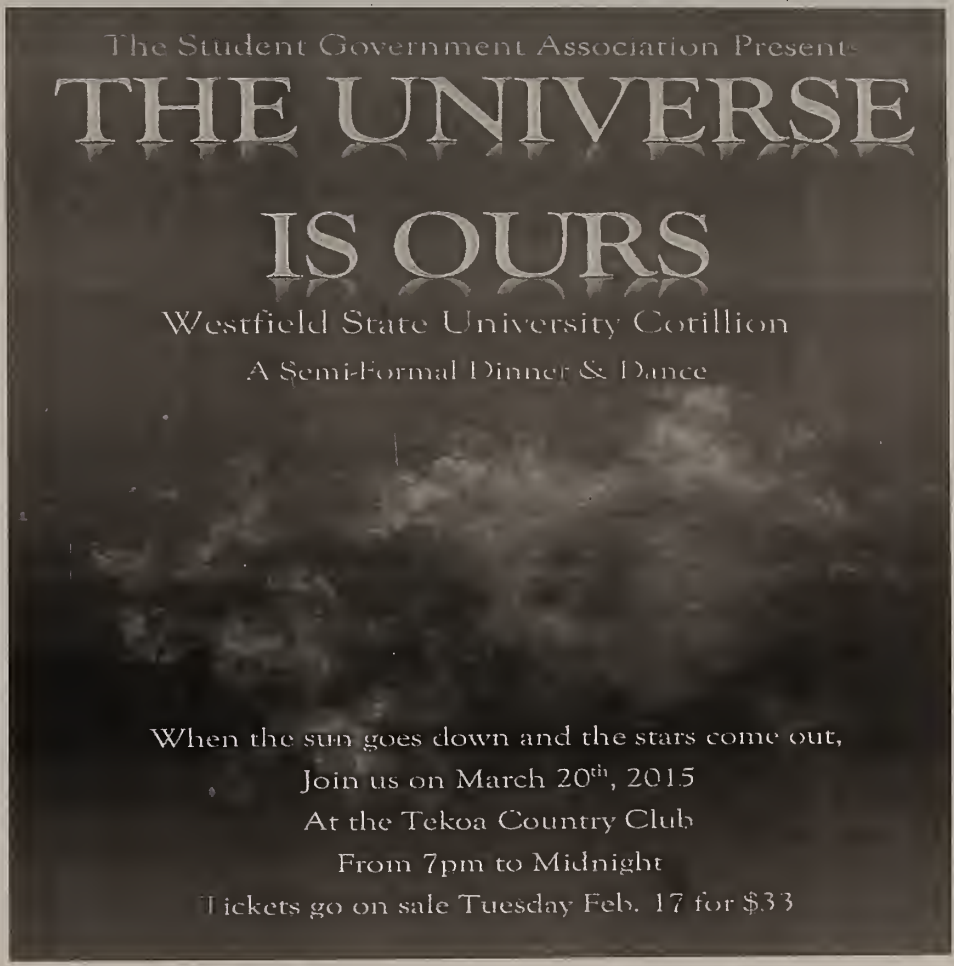
On Feb. 13, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:34 p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 13, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:36 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 13, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:55 p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 15, a liquor law violation, drug law violation, and a firearm on school grounds were discovered at 12:32 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.



from the voice vault

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Bogan Commands Pool

Students returning to WSC in the ninety degree weather on Tuesday, September 4th were disappointed. Many were looking forward to enjoying the "olympic-size" swimming pool, adjacent to the Student Union. They looked yearningly into the confines of the new building as the pool, with its one and three meter diving boards, and its spectator compartment lay in somber darkness.

Why the delay?

Mr. Paul Bogan (chairman of the Athletic Dept. and director of the pool) explained the situation. He commented that the swimming pool has to be referred from the Bureau of Building Construction (BBC) to the college before it can open. The BBC has to approve the pool first. The pool has not been approved as of yet because of faulty construction.

"There are leaks in the pool that have to be repaired," Mr. Bogan stated. "First of all, we need maintenance not only for the pool, but for the locker rooms as well."

Mr. Ford, of the Student Union stated that the college needs a licensed person to operate the massive filter system. Mr. Bogan said that a man has been hired, but as yet, there are no funds with which to pay him. He also has a list of students requesting lifeguard positions, but again, funds are limited. Lack of funds is not the reason for the delay; beaurocratic red tape is.

"I sent three letters to the President listing things needed for the pool," stated Mr. Bogan, "which we don't have as of yet, not even the safety equipment."

Mr. Bogan revealed a list of priorities for the pool which included classes, the Athletic Department, recreational activities, and the local community. It also stated that a survey will be distributed to students, asking when they want to use the pool.

"This way, we can see if the students want it open evenings and weekends," stated Mr. Bogan. "If they don't, then funds will not be wasted on staff."

The regular hours for the pool will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30. Classes will be conducted during this time. There may be a free swim period from 12:30 to 1:30.

As stated earlier, there are some poorly constructed areas in the building. The first concerns the pool itself. The materials used in construction were inferior to the materials requested. Ceramic tiles are generally used, but in order to save approximately seventeen thousand dollars, a less expensive material, marsite, was used.

"The marsite may be more expensive in the long run," commented Mr. Bogan, "because it tends to crack. It has to remain wet at all times, including when the pool is drained for scrubbing."

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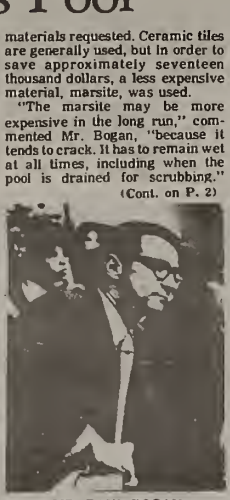

MR. PAUL BOGAN

Pool, Cont. (Cont. from P. 1)

Ceramic tiles are evident only in the lane markings at the bottom of the pool.

Other flaws appear in the women's locker room. Hair dryers were supposed to be installed, but, as yet, they have not arrived. The locker rooms are caked with dust, grease, and oil which the construction company has not yet removed. There is sand on the bottom of the pool, and there is leaking equipment above the deck of the pool as well as underneath the pool where the filter system is.

Complaints have been made to the Daley Construction Company to repair the flaws of the $455,000 building. When the building is accepted by the college, it will become the property of the Athletic Department.

Why is the Athletic Department in charge of the pool?

Mr. Bogan explained that the construction of any building on campus must be for educational purposes. "The pool will be used mainly for classes, then recreation. That is why the Athletic Department is in command of the pool and not the Student Union."

Meanwhile, the swimming pool is collecting dust, Mr. Bogan is waiting for equipment, approval, and manpower, and the students are waiting for their pool.... has imposed upon these community needs.

What Worthington is suggesting is that we think of alternate clinics, and generate the responsibility of priorities such as gynecological care on campus. There have been summer meetings involving these problems. Hopefully, through more negotiation, adequate facilitation will be available.

There is a sex counseling service on campus. SECS is available to the college community. SECS can serve as a referral board in setting up appointments for Westfield students. Movements to organize our own clinic should continue until our own needs are met. Until then, two alternate clinics may be found in the area.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

U.S. at war with those perverting Islam

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

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President Obama spoke at a recent summit on extremism, stating that it is not Islam that we are at war with, but those who use Islam as an excuse for extremism.

During the summit on extremism, President Barack Obama said that the United States of America is not at war with Islam, but at war with the people who have perverted Islam. Following attacks in France and Demark, President Obama spoke to a sixty-nation represented body on the matter of extremism, stating that the world had to confront the radicalism being expressed in extremist ideologies.

President Obama said that groups like Islamic State and al-Qaeda are not religious organizations or leaders, but terrorists. President Obama believes that associating the two terrorist organizations with Islam would essentially be helping the organizations in their attempt to associate themselves as "religious zealots."

In the last few press conferences, President Obama has moved away from the terms "radical Islam" or "Islamic radicals." His speeches essentially target Islamic leaders around the world who do not discredit the notion that western nations are attempting to suppress or oppress Muslims.

Despite some members of the faith not adhering to the violent tendencies of ISIS, there are still those that believe Islam has been "tainted" by western influences.

I will echo President Obama's sentiment that military power alone will not end the radical violence, and I believe that until religious leaders in the Middle East start to speak out against the radicals, peace will be unattainable in the long run.

However, I would have reworded my address to the world by saying: "We are at war with radical extremists who corrupt the very faith they claim to protect." To say that the United States is at war with an ideology, since the "fall" of communism in 1991, would be a stretch.

Most Americans who do not subscribe to the mainstream media networks that corrupt information would know that it is not a religion that we are fighting against, but rather those who are abusing it.

In all fairness, all of this talk about "targets" and warring "ideologies" stems from the international increase of fear and worry. In the last year alone there has been a growing number of terrorist attacks outside of the "isolated" incidents in the Middle East.

Recently there have been attacks in France, Demark, Australia, and Canada alongside growing support for the terror groups from American and European dissidents.

Since Paris last month and the killings in Copenhagen, Europe has been on high alert for terrorist attacks against their home countries. However, to quote Franklin D. Roosevelt, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." In reality, what is happening to the world? Terrorists are breaking through national securities and committing widespread murders across Europe.

Now, what is coming of all this? The very countries that are fighting this "war" with radical extremists are seen cowering and fighting amongst themselves on plans of action. So, is it really a surprise that a few citizens of these countries have sided with the enemy?

Militarily speaking, ISIS, al-Qaeda, and any other terrorist organizations are pitiful compared to the actual manpower of the "western nations." However, I do not believe it is an actual militant war they are waging. In reality the war is a mix of psychological and militant warfare.

We could bomb ISIS and al-Qaeda compounds until there is nothing left but a giant crater, but we still would be unable to claim victory. In order for us to win this war on terror we must attack the terrorists at their center of power – their ideology and fear tactics.

We must show a united front against these groups, and we must show them that they are the ones hurting their own people. Otherwise, we might as well consider this an impossible war.

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from the editors' desks

Extracurriculars can be just as educational as classes

The majority of students on campus are involved, at some level, with a club, organization, or group. There is a way for everyone to fit in at Westfield State, and the education experience travels far beyond simply attending classes.

The Westfield Voice, from the outside, appears to be a deadline-crunching resumé builder whose benefits fall short of the contributions. However, in my three-and-a-half semesters of "employment," I have found that this club serves not only an informative purpose, but an instructional and communal one, as well.

As a communication major with a concentration in journalism, I can say that I have learned more about the business and ethics of running a newspaper than I have in any class that I have taken thus far at Westfield State. A trial-by-error education process can often be more effective than taking notes and attending lectures.

I, as well as my co-Editor-In-Chief, Joshua Clark, can attest to the fact that one must be proficient in all aspects of a newspaper in order to run one in a professional and efficient way.

I grabbed a school newspaper from every school I toured during my college search throughout my senior year of high school.

I took each home and analyzed them, writing down things that I would change in order to improve the paper.

Knowing exactly which career path I was interested in helped me to get involved with the Westfield Voice because I wanted to help make a weekly newspaper from scratch while also learning throughout the process.

Josh and I, along with Matt Carlin, attended the Fall 2014 College Newspaper Round Table event in Boston last semester. We talked to other college newspaper representatives from the surrounding area and traded ideas and methodology to take back to our respective schools.

Unique opportunities that have arisen during my time at The Voice are something to which I can attribute my gained interest in the journalism field.

In my remaining time at Westfield State, I hope that my views on the education process toward my interest in journalism are evened out. I want to learn as much, or more, about news and journalistic ideals in classes as I do in an extra-curricular activity.

Both experience and knowledge are essential in the field of journalism, but a gap between the two will ensure that an aspiring journalist will be pushed to the side.

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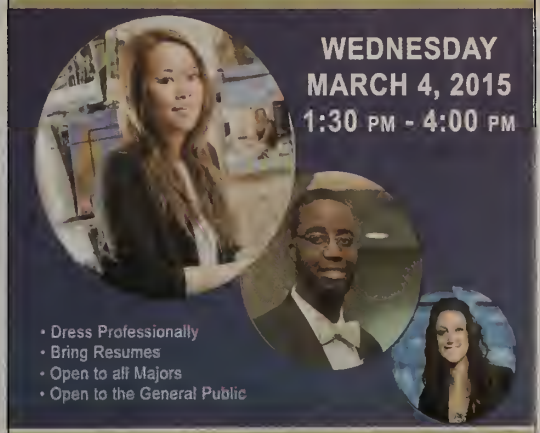

AMERICAN IDIOT

An exhilarating trip to the Cliffs of Moher

Nick Sarnelli
Head Copy Editor

***Editors Note:** This is the third in a series of columns written by Nicholas Sarnelli, Head Copy Editor, who is studying abroad in Galway, Ireland*

On Sunday, Jan. 18, my friends and I took a tour to the world famous Cliffs of Moher in Clare, Ireland.

For those of you who may not know, the Cliffs of Moher stand 700 ft above the sea and stretch for 5 miles along the southwestern coast of Ireland.

To answer your most important questions first:

Yes, it was amazing.

No, it did not feel real.

Yes, I plan to go back.

No, I did not sit right on the edge (you're welcome, Mom).

Nothing in this world has left me quite as exasperated (in more ways than one) as the Cliffs. For one, the view from the top of these shelves of stone is unlike any earthly vista I had experienced beforehand.

Secondly, the incline to get up to the highest points of the cliffs was so steep that it left me breathless. The altitude was another factor that took my breath away.

We spent a total of an hour and a half at the Cliffs, but somehow that was not enough time to take in the enormity of what I was experiencing. After spending a great deal of time taking pictures, I found myself wanting to see not through a screen or a lens, but through my own eyes. While that may sound cliché, it was important, for me anyway, to not only see it but also feel it.

It was not until I put away my camera phone that I felt it, the actuality of where I was and what I was doing. At the top I felt so small – tall, yes, but undeniably little as I stood hundreds of feet over the Atlantic.

Sure, pictures are lovely to look at, but they are only a vacuum which the cliffs are reproduced. They are nothing like the real thing.

The Cliffs – and I'm sure any other landmark of such a caliber – do things to your mind that you can't exactly control. Well, for me they did anyway.

Standing at the top, I imagined the space between the Atlantic and me. I wanted desperately to look over the edge, but I was not desperate enough to actually try it in fear that the side would cave and I would fall into the presumably frigid ocean beneath. Realistically the fall would kill me on impact, but that's a bit morbid and neither here nor there.

Anyway.

The Cliffs also made me wonder about the vastness of the world. I knew the direction I was looking was west – back toward home – so I imagined what my family was doing at that time. The fact that my mind immediately went to something so precise and familiar made me realize, even further, how vast the world is.

By the time we returned to the bus our feet were caked with mud and limestone, and we were weary from the long journey. I made no attempts to scrape the mud off. These were traveler's boots, I told myself. And this was only the beginning.

Please excuse my existentiaI moments, readers, as I have a lot of them when I see such aesthetic wonders.

While I'm trying to put my experience with the Cliffs into my own words, I'm struggling. It's simply something you must see and experience for yourself.

One thing I know for sure is that I need to go back at least once before I leave in May. I mean, how could I not?

Anyone interested in learning more about the Cliffs of Moher can check out their website at http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie

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LADIES LIFESTYLE

DIY: revitalizing old glassware

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

Recently I was browsing many DIY projects on Pinterest and came across one that looked easy and fun. It was a glass vase that was painted from the bottom up and faded as it got near the top, giving it a slight ombré effect.

I thought this looked easy, and already had the materials at home, so I figured I would give this project a try.

As I was trying to paint this faded ombré effect on the vase, I realized it is much harder than I originally anticipated. At this point, I decided to change my mind and go with my own design.

DIY projects are great for getting rid of spare materials lying around your house. I already had the glassware, paint, and ribbon. The small studs had fallen off of the sleeves of an old shirt of mine, and I saved them with the thought that I might use them in the future.

DIY projects are fun and creative because there are no rules. You do not have to follow instructions religiously. If you want to change the design – or in my case could not create the original design – you can always change it to your liking and ability. There are lots of different types of DIY projects that you can do while utilizing things that you already have. It is a cost effective way to make something unique and to your liking.

Painted Glassware

Materials

- Paint
- Glitter
- Paint brushes (fan brush preferably)
- Glass vase or jar
- Painter's tape
- Hot glue gun
- Elmer's Glue
- Studs or rhinestones
- Newspapers or magazines

Instructions

(Two toned glass milk bottle)

1. Place newspapers or magazines on the floor so you will not get paint or glue on the floor or ground.
2. Wrap the painters tape around the bottle about two thirds of the way down, and make sure it is aligned evenly.
3. Paint a thin first coat and let dry.
4. Add a second coat of paint.
5. After the paint is dry, you may remove the painter's tape to reveal a clean perfect edge.
6. Then wrap a second band of the painter's tape above the white paint, leaving enough room for the second color.
7. Paint a thin first coat of the second color and let dry completely.
8. Add a thin second coat of paint and let sit to dry.
9. When the paint is dry, remove the painter's tape carefully to reveal a clean sharp edge.
10. Along the edge of each color, bot glue the studs onto the bottle. This step will take the longest because each stud must be glued individually. (When you glue the studs onto the bottle, make sure to press down firmly so they will be even. This is important so some will not pop out more than others.)

It is also important to note that when using a hot glue gun, you must work fast. Hot glue bardens very quickly. If you mess up slightly when taking the tape off it is okay. The studs will cover up any small imperfections.
11. After the studs are glued to your liking, tie a ribbon around the top of the bottle to tie the whole look together.

Instructions

(Small vase)

1. Wrap painter's tape around the middle of the vase.
2. Start painting a thin first coat of your first coior.
3. After the first coat had dried, add a second coat
4. Peel off the painters tape carefully after the second coat of paint has dried completely.
5. Start painting a first coat of tbe second color above the first color. Make sure that you try to maintain an even line.
6. After the first coat has dried, apply a second coat.
7. When the paint has dried completely, put the Elmer's glue around the ring at the top of the vase
8. Then dip the top of the vase in the glitter, and tap of any excess.
9. Wrap a ribbon around where the two colors meet and tie into a bow.

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PASSPORT TO POLITICS

Rapper 2 Chainz looking toward mayoral politics

Joshua Clark
Editor in-Chief

Mayor 2 Chainz?

That is more likely than not as the rapper, whose birth name is Tauheed Epps, is looking to run for mayor of his hometown of College Park, Ga.

First reported by XXL Magazine and then picked up by TIME magazine, the potential candidacy set off some bells in those who follow municipal politics nationally.

Although you probably cast off his candidacy as a joke, he did graduate from Alabama State University with high marks. And although he is a convicted felon, he is a strong advocate for restoring felons' voting rights and recently debated CNN Headline News' Nancy Grace about marijuana legalization. Some say he won the debate.

He was quoted in the TIME magazine article saying, "I'm supposed to be running for mayor in College Park. I got everybody wishing...I'm really gonna [sic] do this little mayor thing in College Park. I'm just trying to make sure I have the right qualifications."

Incumbent College Park, Ga. mayor Jack Longino does not seem to be flinching at this news questioning Epps' residency and casting the decision to voters.

You know, this is really interesting.

One would never consider saying, "Full up to the scene with my roof gone/when I leave the scene het your boo gone," or "My wrist deserve a shout out, 'I'm like what up wrist?'/My stove deserve a shout out, 'I'm like what up stove?'," or [my personal favorite of the publishable lyrics] "I get high and I fly past, I don't know nothing 'bout iChat, I'm working this iPhone they need an app called iTrap" in a campaign speech.

However, I have read some of his work especially related to felons' voting rights. He writes eloquently about an issue that is near to his heart.

The comment section on the article that I wrote, which was published on the Respect My Vote website, had 61 comments that were in support of what he was saying. Some were incredulous that he wrote something of that nature.

When I heard the news that he was considering a run, it peaked my interest. I knew that 2 Chainz/Tauheed Epps' popularity with people in my generation would inspire an interest in municipal politics that is so necessary in society today.

I hope College Park certifies his signature papers and gets him on the ballot. Considering the fact that Longino, the current mayor, has been in that position for twenty years, it seems unlikely that Epps will win, but the message that it will send to the millennial generation is invaluable.

arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
2. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
3. Take Me To Church - Hozier
4. Sugar - Maroon 5
5. Blank Space - Taylor Swift
6. FourFiveSeconds - Rihanna, Kanye West, & Paul McCartney
7. Lips Are Movin - Meghan Trainor
8. I'm Not The Only One - Sam Smith
9. Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding
10. Shake It Off - Taylor Swift

top 10 albums

1. 1989 - Taylor Swift
2. NOW 53 - Various Artists
3. X - Ed Sheeran
4. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
5. Reflection - Fifth Harmony
6. Title - Meghan Trainor
7. Shadows In The Night - Bob Dylan
8. The Pinkprint - Nicki Minaj
9. V- Maroon 5
10. Wallflower - Diana Krall

box office

1. Fifty Shades of Grey
2. Kingsman: The Secret Service
3. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water
4. American Sniper
5. Jupiter Ascending
6. Paddington
7. Seventh Son
8. The Imitation Game
9. The Wedding Ringer
10. Project Almanac

upcoming releases

1. Focus
2. The Lazarus Effect
3. Maps to the Stars
4. '71
5. My Life Directed by Nicholas Winding Refn
6. Everly
7. Chappie
8. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
9. Unfinished Business
10. No Escape

SNL's 40th Anniversary show spotlights history of satire

A multitude of stars attended the 40th anniversary of Saturday Night Live. The special tripled the number of viewers that tuned into the NBA All-Star game and honored the actors and writers that have made the show great in past years

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

If the Academy Awards are considered the celebrity equivalent of prom night, then Saturday Night Live's 40th anniversary special on Sunday, Feb.16 could be considered the celebrity equivalent of homecoming. A multitude of celebrities gathered to honor the satirical show's 40th anniversary.

The show opened with Jimmy Fallon and Justin Timberlake recalling past sketches of the show while dancing around. To do this, they called up a few of SNL's most famous characters – Rachel Dratch as Debbie Downer and Molly Shannon as Mary Katherine Gallagher – to help reminisce.

The show took multiple shots at the sad state of NBC and Fallon was the first to do so, exclaiming, "NBC doesn't care about ratings!" Debbie Downer followed saying that musical openings caused the ratings for SNL to go down. The special provided both entertainment and nostalgia since many past stars reprised their famous SNL characters.

Perhaps one of the funniest sketches of the night was when Will Ferrell reprised his role of Alex Trebek on "Celebrity Jeopardy" with the help of his friends Sean Connery (Darrell Hammond), Burt Reynolds (Norm MacDonald), Bill Cosby (Kenan Thompson), Matthew McConaughey (Jim Carrey), and Justin Bieber (Kate McKinnon).

Other memorable reprisals included: Dan Aykroyd as the BassOmatic Salesman; Adam Sandler as Opera Man; Will Ferrell and Ana Gasteyer as Marty & Bobbi Culp; Jason Sudeikis and Will Forte as Pete Twinkle and Greg Stink; Maya Rudolph as Beyonce; Bill Murray as Nick The Lounge Singer; Jim Belushi and Dan Aykroyd as the Blues Brothers; Steve Martin as King Tut; Fred Armisen and Kristen Wiig as Garth and Kat; and the reprisal of "The Californians" with Kristen Wiig, Fred Armisen, Betty White, Kerry Washington, Taylor Swift, Bradley Cooper, and David Spade.

Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, and Jane Curtin sat down at the Weekend Update desk one last time to provide the news with some comedy. They were joined by their friends Rosanne Rosannadanna (Emma Stone), Stefon and Seth Meyers (Edward Norton, Bill Hader, and Seth Meyers), and motivational speaker Matt Foley (Melissa McCarthy).

And while it might not have been the funniest sketch of the night when Mike Meyers and Dana Carvey reprised their roles of Wayne and Garth for "Wayne's World," the sketch sure was the one that had the most people talking. Meyers and Carvey were helped by Kanye West to present the "Top 10 Things About SNL".

To do this, they often made fun of Kanye's pattern of speaking his mind – especially when it comes to music awards shows – and made a joke out of him saying that Beyonce was better than Beck. According to "Wayne's World," the "Top 10 Things about SNL" are:

10. Live Show
9. Satire
8. "Saturday Night Dead" (a joke about the low ratings)
7. Catchphrases
6. Musical Guests
5. SIT DOWN KANYE!
4. Opening Credits
3. Wigs
2. Lorne Michaels
1. The Crew

The three-and-a-half hour special also incorporated several musical numbers including: Paul McCartney singing "Maybe I'm Amazed"; Miley Cyrus singing "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover"; Kanye West performing a mashup of "Jesus Walks/Only One" with Sia; and Paul Simon singing "Still Crazy After All These Years." Additionally, in sticking with the tradition of musical digital shorts, Adam Sandler and Andy Sandberg participated in a short called "That's When You Break" – a song about cast members laughing in the middle of sketches.

Other stars that participated in this special were Alec Baldwin, Chris Rock, Robert De Niro, Sarah Palin, Dakota Johnson, Eddie Murphy, Jerry Seinfeld, John Goodman, Peyton Manning, Jack Nicholson, Martin Short, and Louie C.K.

The SNL special brought in 11.13 million viewers for the red carpet and 23.14 million viewers for the main show.

A Peruvian Passion

Peruvian cuisine makes its way to Tim and Jeanne's Dining Commons for lunch and dinner

Sodexo Chef Piero Orezzoli came to Westfield this past week to showcase his Peruvian specials. The students seemed to enjoy it.

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

Sodexo hosted an exotic event in Tim and Jeanne's Dining Commons on Feb. 17 that featured Peruvian Sodexo Chef Piero Orezzoli; he came to Westfield State University as a part of the Global Chef Program.

This event had a lot of classic Peruvian dishes cooked by Orezzoli, and he was happy to interact with people.

When I first arrived, there were students already digging into this array of exotic food – most of which I had honestly never seen or heard of.

The names of the dishes were long and in a different language – for example, Aji de Pollo Criollo – so I had no idea what I was eating.

Even the guy that sponsored the event was not sure what each dish was.

When he advertised the dishes he said, "Come try this food like chicken with some kind of spicy sauce."

In spite of this, everyone I spoke with, except for one person, seemed to like the food.

They all implied that if you mixed everything together it was really good, which I took to mean that the food complemented itself as a whole.

After observing the menu I finally had enough courage to try some of the food. I got the works: Aji de Pollo Criollo, Chicken in a Light Spicy Cream, Vegetarian Qui Motto with Peruvian Style Corn Salsa, and – for dessert – Arroz Zambito Peruvian Mulatto Sugar Loaf.

If you did not understand any of those names, do not worry. The names of the food do not really matter because good food all depends on how it tastes; and I must say that it was tasty.

I first tried the food separately, and then I mixed it all together.

I agreed with my colleagues that the flavors definitely paired well with one another.

By itself, Aji de Pollo Criollo seemed slightly tasteless, whereas the Chicken in a Light Spicy Cream tasted very strong; however, when mixed together the combination was perfect.

I really enjoyed the meal, but I did find it annoying when the person videotaping Piero's interview suddenly turned his camera around and stuck it in my face.

Eating the meal was very uncomfortable from that moment on.

Overall the event was a success, and the food delivered a lot of insight into Peruvian culture.

The Musical Theatre Guild
and the Student Government Association present...

Directed by Hannah Clifford and Jen Guimond

Show times are as follows:
February 19 7:30 p.m. **February 20 7:30 p.m.**
February 21 2:00 p.m. **February 21 7:30 p.m.**

Ticket prices:
$2.00 for students, children, and senior citizens
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The show will be performed at Juniper Park Elementary School.

owls athletics

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Owls continue conference dominance against Worcester

Michael Barry
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Men's Basketball team had a resounding 20-point victory over the MASCAC rival Worcester State this past Saturday, defeating the Lancers 101-81. With the win, the Owls continue to prove why they're the top team in the conference.

Andre King

Worcester managed to stay with Westfield for the majority of the game despite the poor season they're having. The first half was back and forth with both teams able to keep up with each other. With 9:18 left in the first half, Worcester State had what would be its biggest lead of the game, up 25-19 against the Owls. Westfield would take control for the rest of the half, which included six points in the last minute, bringing the score to 52-45 at the half with the Owls on top.

The big key for the Owls in the first half was their ability to score points off the bench, as well as get second chance baskets. The Owls' bench contributed 21 first-half points, more than double Worcester State's total of 10. 14 second-chance points in the first half were a huge boost to the Owl's success. Their ability to capitalize on offensive boards shows how physical and talented this team really is.

Westfield picked up right where they left off in the second half, taking a 61-49 lead with 17:19 to go. Although down by a staggering 12 points, the Lancers refused to quit as they battled all the way back to tie the game at 71 apiece. Unfortunately for Worcester State, the Owls would dominate the game from there on out, going on a 10-2 run and eventually stretch the lead out to 89-75 with just 4:35 left in the contest.

With a final score of 101-81, the Owls recorded their first 100-point game since 2008. The Owls especially dominated in the paint, scoring 48 points down-low.

Seniors Andre King and Grant Cooper lead the team in scoring with 23 and 20 points each. King shot an impressive 5-of-7 from three-point range, while Cooper shot an impressive 8-of-12 from the field. Cooper was also a rebound shy of recording a double-double.

Even with the loss, there were some impressive individual performances from Worcester State. Lancers center Paul Brooks led the team with an impressive 19 points from the floor. Shooting 6-for-7 from the field as well as 7-for-10 from the free throw line, Brooks was a stand out on offense, even in defeat. Starters Charles Gunter and Brendan Rios also scored double digits for the Lancers.

Jose Allen and Jesus Sanchez had big offensive games for the Owls off the bench, each scoring double-digit points. This strong offensive presence off of the bench was a huge boost for the Owls offensively and helped propel them to their huge 20-point MASCAC victory.

The Owls season is coming to an end and the team has five seniors that they will be sending off in the final home game, three of whom are captains. The season does not end with senior night, however, as both the men's and women's team are contending for a MASCAC championship.

Westfield holds a one-game lead in the MASCAC over Bridgewater State with just two regular season games remaining. The Owls will host MCLA for Senior Night on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 PM EST.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, February 13
W Swimming vs New England Championships TBD
Saturday, February 14th
W BBall vs Worcester State W 57-44
M BBall vs Worcester State W 101-81
M Ice Hockey at Fitchburg State L 2-5
W Swimming at New England Championships TBD
Sunday, February 15th
W Swimming at New England Championships TBD
Tuesday, February 17th
W BBall vs MCLA W 62-48
M BBall vs MCLA W 83-58

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, February 19
M Ice Hockey at UMass Dartmouth 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 20th
M/W Track at New England D-III Finals
Sunday, February 21th
M/W Track at New England D-III Finals
M BBall at Fitchburg State 1:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey vs Worcester State 5:35 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24th
M Ice Hockey at Plymouth State 6:00 p.m.
M/W BBall at MASCAC Quarterfinals

5v5 Basketball Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	3	0	0	6
2	HYPR	2	1	0	4
3	Heart Over Height	1	0	0	2
3	Touchdown My Pants	1	0	0	2
5	Cunning Stunts	0	1	0	0
5	Founding Fathers	0	1	0	0
7	Washed Up	0	3	0	0

5v5 Basketball Skilled-West

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	OKD	4	0	0	8
2	The Legends	3	1	0	6
2	Bucks	3	1	0	6
4	Semi-Pro	2	0	0	4
5	Stanley Park Trail Blazers	1	3	0	2
6	White Mambas	0	2	0	0
7	Double Double	0	4	0	0

Women's Soccer

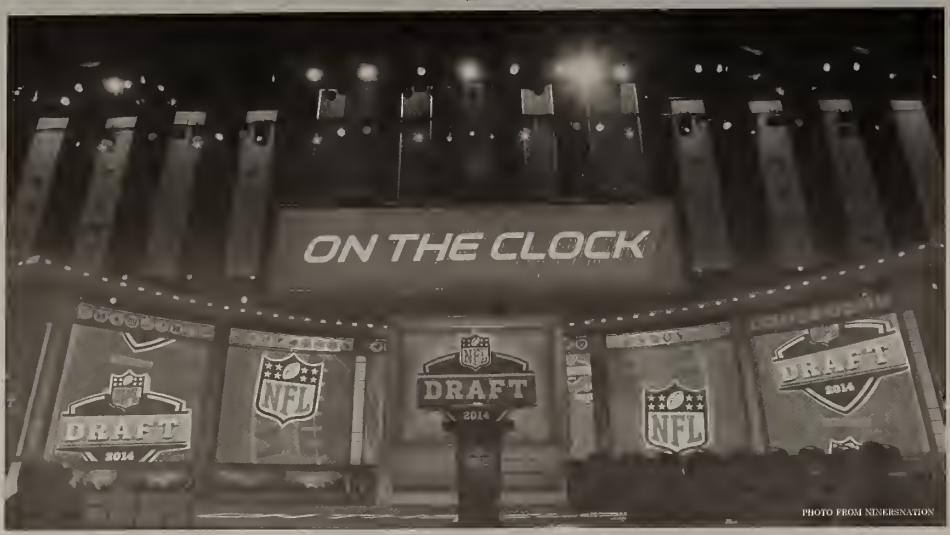
Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Franzia United	3	0	0	6
2	Hooters	0	3	0	0

Men's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Deadbeat Creeps	4	0	0	8
2	Below Average Andy's	2	0	1	5
3	Bustin Bruins	2	1	0	4
4	Team X	1	1	1	3
5	Rocket Power	1	0	0	2
6	The Blazers	1	2	0	2
7	Moose and The Boys	0	0	1	1
8	OGBC	0	2	1	1
9	Bucks	0	1	0	0
9	To Be Determined	0	1	0	0
11	The 30's	0	3	0	0

NFL DRAFT

NFL Combine raises questions about top prospects and showcases unknown player's talents and skills



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The NFL draft is fast approaching and there may be more questions arising than are answered. The Tampa Bay Bucs have the first overall pick and are expected to take either Jameis Winston or Marcus Mariotta even though our own Jon Rebmann thinks it may be a risk either way.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

323 NFL hopefuls arrived at the NFL Combine last Wednesday in the hopes of getting drafted come April. Some of the best talent college football has to offer are making one final run in the hopes of getting their name called at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago. Although many analysts are already speculating as to who will light up the gridiron at the combine and in the NFL, it's impossible to truly tell who's gonna live up to expectations and who's gonna cave under the pressure. With that said, here are some bold predictions to keep in mind when talking about the draft as this year's combine kicks off.

Either Jameis Winston or Marcus Mariota will be a bust in the NFL.

I know this is a bold statement to start off on, but hear me out. It's quite clear that Winston and Mariota are not only the two best quarterback prospects in this draft, but, two of, if not the, best prospects in this class. Surely Tampa Bay will take one of them with the number one overall pick, which they would be wise to do. However, it's important to remember the following for each Heisman winner.

Winston is the youngest Heisman winner and second freshman to ever win the award but he also poses maturity and conduct issues. After serving a one game suspension for using vulgar language at Florida State and his arrest for stealing crab legs, it's hard to see any positive attributes in his character. And frankly, the fact that he left school early without a degree to opt for the draft also says a lot.

> ***"Either Jameis Winston or Marcus Mariota will be a bust in the NFL."***

Yes, it is biased to judge him for that, especially considering Mariota also left Oregon with some eligibility remaining. However, Mariota did earn his degree before leaving, and even did so a semester early. The degree may be irrelevant if Winston becomes a star, but it shows that any player who does earn one before they leave is willing to work hard on and off the field. Quite frankly, it is a huge testament to one's character knowing that a player used that extra time to mature and grow, not only as a player, but as a person as well.

Winston's skill on the field is more than enticing, but I'm concerned that he will end up like Johnny Manziel, who has fallen far below expectations thus far. If Winston wants to convince anyone that he's ready for the NFL, he's going to need to show them that he's matured in his time at Florida State.

As for Mariota, although the reigning Heisman winner has not had as many off-the-field issues as Winston, he's just as risky. Although Mariota put up impressive stats, he lost the National Championship Game by a score of 42-20.

Mariota's biggest issue, however, is his risk taking. He did throw only four interceptions last season, but that is a big indicator that he is less likely to make risky throws and would rather run out the ball, which does not work as well in the NFL as it does in college. As a result, this could even pressure him to take more risks that most quarterbacks normally wouldn't take and he could panic under the pressure, causing more sacks and fumbles.

PHOTO FROM BUSINESS INSIDER

Jameis Winston

Yes, Mariota might not run as much in the NFL, but that could also affect his decision making in the pocket if he expects to run. He will have a harder time adjusting to a level of play where he won't be able to run as much, which could also lead to disaster.

If I had to bet on one of them being successful, I would bet on Winston. He is NFL ready and poses more raw talent than Mariota, and if he can prove he is mature enough for the NFL, there should be little doubt that he will be successful at the next level.

Phillip Dorsett will be a late first round or second round pick.

It's hard to see how Dorsett would be able to handle the NFL as a wide receiver. He is small for the position 5'10" and 183 pounds, and he has a history of missing easy drops. His stats in his four years have also been less than impressive for a projected first-rounder, garnering a total of 2,132 yards in the air and a mere 17 touchdowns. With that said, Dorsett is still one of the best wide receiver prospects in the draft, especially when you take a closer look at his résumé.

Dorsett is the fastest Miami player ever clocked in the 40-yard dash with an unbelievable 4.21 seconds, according to a report he made to ESPN. Because of this, he's been able to average an astonishing 17.6 yards per catch throughout his college career. His ability to

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transition and run the ball after the catch is already enough to make him a stand out.

As for his unimpressive stats, Miami has been a heavily run-oriented team for the past three years with Duke Johnson sporting the backfield. Johnson earned All-ACC honors all three years at Miami, and last season gained 2,000 all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns. With stats like that, it's hard not to rely on your running game, so it's hard to blame Dorsett for his less-than-stellar stats.

Depending on his performance at the combine, he could be one of three potential first-round wide receiver picks (along with Kevin White and Ameri Coopor). The Cardinals, assuming White and Cooper are off the board, could absolutely use another wide receiver to compliment Larry Fitzgerald. Be certain to keep your eye on him. He is sure to soar up draft boards by April.

The Jets will clean up in the first two rounds.

Cooper fell short in last year's Heisman voting to Mariota despite gaining 1,727 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns. In his Heisman interview, Cooper's character and poise was reflective of his immense skill at wide receiver and dedication to his team.

PHOTO FROM ESPN

Cedric Ogbuehi has the potential to become the third Texas A&M offensive lineman to be drafted in the third round in as many years, speaking to coach Sumlin's coaching expertise.

As I had previously stated, it's obvious that Winston or Mariota will go with the top pick, and the Titans' will likely take the other with the second overall pick. In all likelyhood, the next three picks will be Leonard Williams of USC, Shane Ray of Missouri, and Randy Gregory of Nebraska, which leaves the New York Jets with the sixth overall pick.

The Jets are in dire need of offensive power. With very little running game to rely on in Chris Ivory the Jets are going to look at improving their passing game. Geno Smith, who joined the Jets after being drafted in 2013 with the 39th overall pick, has been a huge disappointment, and assuming Mariota will be off the board and no other quarterbacks that are good enough, Cooper is the only viable option.

Considering this, the Jets will likely use their second round draft pick to get Baylor's Bryce Petty or UCLA's Brett Hundley, both of whom are not strong enough to squeak into the first round, but might slip early into the second round. They might also try to draft Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon or Georgia's Todd Gurley if they are still on the board. The only way that Cooper would not go to the Jets is if Mariota falls to the sixth overall pick after being passed on by Tennessee.

Philadelphia's Chip Kelly might trade up to get him, as the Eagles are currently looking to replace Nick Foles following his shoulder injury last year. Even if the Eagles trade up, however, the Jets would probably get the Eagle's 20th overall pick, meaning they could still retain Kevin White out of West Virginia or even Phillip Dorsett.

Texas A&M will have another offensive lineman drafted in the first round in 2015.

After Luke Fisher was drafted second overall by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2013 and Jake Matthews was selected sixth overall by the Atlanta Falcons in 2014, the Aggies are looking to keep the streak alive with Cedric Ogbuehi.

Ogbuehi has immense experience on the front line defending Manziel during his Heisman Trophy season, and even earning first-team All-SEC and All-American honors. Ogbuehi has the size, feet, and quick decision-making skills that make him one of the best prospects on the board, and the Combine will solidify this.

Ogbuehi will probably not go in the top ten unless the Giants pick him up with the ninth overall pick. However, someone in the first round will surely draft him, as many teams are in dire need of an offensive lineman.

He's just too good to fall into the bottom half of the first round, especially considering he switched to right tackle in his last season at A&M and was still one of the best offensive linemen in the country.

With almost two months left until the draft, it's still a little early to say exactly what will happen. However, this combine will certainly answer plenty of questions, and the draft will be one of the most exciting and surely one of the most ruthless.

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horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 – April 20):
This week you will run into some miscommunication with people who do not speak your primary language.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Do not trust any Capricorns who have committed a violent felony in the past.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Refrain from visiting any relatives in quarantine for Ebola this week.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
That empty void in your life needs to be filled with a wild adventure. Someone far less dull than you will be up to the task.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Your love life will be taking an unexpected turn when you realize your relationship has been a complete lie.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
All the extra hours you've been putting into your job lately is not about to pay off. A big demotion awaits you.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
You'll be taking a surprising hike through Stanley Park this weekend. Don't despair—the woods are just trees and the trees are just wood.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
You will be getting cold feet when facing big decisions this week. The stars suggest consulting your podiatrist.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Be careful what you wish for—you may find that encouraging people to "break a leg" will prove fatal.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Lots of alienation is headed your way from Taurus this week. Taurus are notorious for judging people for their past mistakes.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
The position of Uranus suggests that you stay away from the roast beef in the DC this week.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars are uninterested in your affairs, Pisces. Your life is just too insipid.

games & leisure

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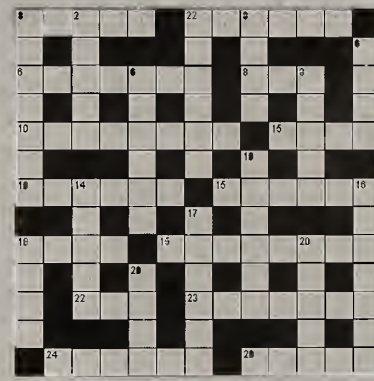

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13. Sampled (6)
15. Pestle and ___ (6)
18. Aromatic leaves (4)
19. Thick syrup (8)
22. Cereal grass (3)
23. Pear-shaped tropical fruit (7)
24. Type of cake (6)
25. Very thin pancake (5)

Down
1. Downy fruit (7)
2. Shaped and dried dough (5)
3. Game bird (6)
4. Kitchen appliance (4)
5. Open pastry with fruit filling (4)
7. Sticky candy (6)
9. Heated bread (5)
12. Edible tuber (6)
14. Sweetener (5)
16. Cooked meat or fish coated in egg and breadcrumbs and fried (7)
17. Thick soup (6)
18. Cook slowly in liquid (4)
20. Large edible ray (5)
21. Vegetable (4)

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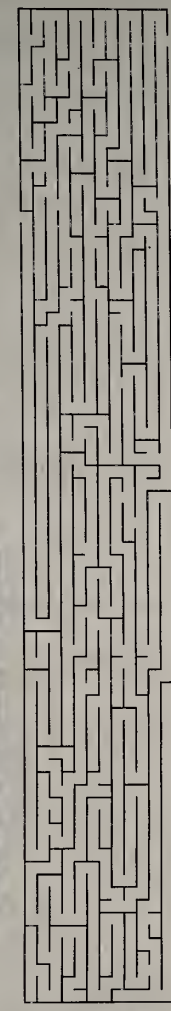

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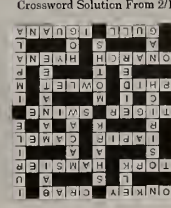

Volleyball

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2/20	8 pm	Trivia Night	Owl's Nest
2/20	9 pm	MOVIE Weekend—42 (Also 2/21 & 2/22 at 8 pm)	Owl's Nest
2/21	2 & 7:30 pm	Into The Woods—Musical Theatre Guild Tix $2 $4 $6	Dever Stage
2/21	5:30 pm	Hockey vs Worcester State	Amelia Park
2/21	7:30 pm	WHIP Comedy Improv Tix $2	Dever Stage
2/22	2 pm	Tribute To WEB DuBois	St. John's, Spfd.
2/23		Black Solidarity Day	All Over Campus
2/23-27	10a-4p	Undeclared? Keep Calm And Drop In	Academic Advising
2/23	12:30 pm	Catherine Dower Student Recital Series	Dever Stage
2/23	2:15 pm	End The Cram: Study Smarter Not Harder (2/25, 3:30)	Banacos Center
2/24	4 pm	Career Chats	UHall Living Rm
2/24-25	4-6 pm	Girl Scout Cookies On Sale	Ely Main Lobby
2/24	5:30 pm	Identity Thief—Movie and Quick Tips Popcorn/Drinks	Owl's Nest
2/24	7 pm	Tunnel of Oppression (Also 2/25 at 8 pm, 2/26 at 7 pm)	Scanlon Banquet
2/24	7 pm	It's Weave Not WEAVED	UHall Lobby
2/25	11:30-1:30p	Commuter Luncheon—Hosted by TRIO	Tekoa Room
2/26	6 pm	Book Launch By Carol Bailey	Loughman Liv. Rm.
2/26	8 pm	One Night Stand—Open Mic	Owl's Nest

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The Perch
Sun - Thurs 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Fri & Sat 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Dunkin' Donuts
Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sat & Sun 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Quixote's
Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Subway
Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Three amendments proposed at Tuesday's SGA meeting; two pass first reading unanimously

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Approval of the third amendment proposed at Tuesday's Student Government meeting. The amendment approved unanimously on its first reading.

Lengthy debates over new proposed amendments occurred once again at the last Student Government Association meeting. Over the last few weeks, amendments have been shuffling through the SGA for approval, and this week two out of the three amendments presented passed with a two-thirds vote from the SGA senators.

Beside the amendments passing, Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, welcomed guest speaker Cynthia Siegler, director of international programs, who spoke to the SGA about the study abroad and national student exchange programs Westfield State University offers. She said when the study abroad office was founded on campus in 2008, there were only 13 programs offered to the university, but now the university has over 800.

Siegler first talked about international exchanges that the school offers. She said students who do exchanges pay their regular WSU tuition and fee bill. Additionally, the students' financial aid packages carry over. Those exchange schools are in Poland, Germany, and two schools in China. She said all the college's courses are taught in English except for the Capital Normal University in Beijing China where some are not taught in English.

She said that future exchange programs are in the works for locations such as Istanbul, Turkey, Japan, South Korea, and Central America. The next set of colleges Siegler brought up were in the Direct Enrollment program where the international office already negotiated a price for students, and they do not receive a WSU bill. Those colleges and universities are in England, Italy, with two colleges in Ireland. The highest price for direct enrollment is $10,950, while the lowest price is $4,500.

She said that other study abroad providers outside Westfield State give students over 500 programs to choose from, and the prices range from $9,000 to $30,000. Siegler then went over the 200 national student exchange programs that deal with students who wish to go a different college within the United States.

She said that two payment methods are given to students. One is to pay the host schools in-state tuition and fees, and the other is to pay the same Westfield tuition and fees that a Westfield State student would normally pay. She reminded students that prices for airfare are not included.

The last program she talked about was the short-term, faculty-led courses. She stated that Westfield State faculty members develop these courses about an area they are passionate about. She said the program is really about talking your major-specific classroom to an area and transforming the class into an interactive laboratory. She said students only pay for the travel portion because the program counts as part of students' 18 credits.

Siegler mentioned that the Puerto Rico and Nicaragua trips are part of service learning initiatives in which the university takes part. Students help struggling communities that need new public bathrooms, piping for drinking water, or new equipment and hard ware for poorly structured buildings.

"We have been doing this for five years. We go back every year because we are committed to the town; we do not just swoop in sprinkle fair dust and leave again. We have a commitment to improving the community and providing them what they need, not what we think they need," Siegler said.

Scholarships, she said, are available to students who are currently in a program and to those who apply for a program. She said $8,000 is for those students and is hoping for more money next year.

DiVico took over the podium after Siegler was done.

DiVico announced that Scott Seskevich resigned from the SGA; he was the president of the class of 2017. No reason for the sudden resignation was given; however, Seskevich did miss the last two SGA meetings. DiVico motioned to appoint Maddie Spillers to the 2017 class presidency for the remainder of the academic year.

After the madam president used her powers, Joshua Frank, student trustee, gave his report. Frank recapped the email that was sent out to all students regarding the state cuts from Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker in order to help tighten the budget. Governor Baker's cuts, Frank said, have affected Westfield State by making the university forfeit over $370,000 to the Commonwealth. He said that despite the challenge, Westfield was prepared, and students are encouraged to ask questions on tuition and fee increases.

Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, gave the All-University Committee report. He said that the committee received a proposal regarding the possibility of changing Thursday, Mar. 5 or 19 into a Monday schedule.

The proposal was changed so that a Reading Day during finals week would be taken away and made into a Monday schedule with full classes to help make up for the snow days. He said the proposal is on the desk of Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, awaiting her signature.

Cubetus said he was not in favor of this proposal saying, "if you are planning on studying for finals, I guess don't study anymore."

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said that over 400 students have taken the snow removal survey. He also reminded students to pay there housing deposit, which is due on Mar. 1.

Clark also said he was

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BUDGET CUTS

Gov. Baker's budget cuts strike home; Westfield State returns over $350,000 to Beacon Hill

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Out-of-control spending at the state level has resulted in budget cuts, and the scissors reach 90-miles to Westfield State University.

Gov. Baker announced shortly after taking office that he would need to close the spending gap in the state budget in order to get the finances under control.

Monday, interim president Liz Preston signed a letter authorizing the return of 1.5 percent of the university's fiscal year 2015 allotment, which amounted to over $370,000.

This has been the latest in budget cuts that the university has faced. An initiative to shrink the budget has been in place at Westfield State since last year during the height of the financial scandal caused by the spending of former president, Evan Dobelle.

In an email sent to the university community, Preston highlighted that this budget cut was not the first hit to the budget.

"Collective bargaining agreements were not fully funded, creating a shortfall of approximately $246,000. More significantly, we fell 121 students short of the enrollment target our budget was based on, creating an additional budget gap of almost $1 million," she said.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Westfield State's budget was hit with $1.6 million in losses or cuts, said the email.

The process of constructing the FY16 budget has already begun, with meetings being held to decide how best to plan for the smaller allotment from Boston.

As Preston alluded that enrollment numbers will not be spiking any time soon, she also shared that there will not be any extra money put toward collective bargaining.

"[W]e have already received word that the Governor will not include any funding for collective bargaining increases in the budget he files," she wrote.

The money that was cut fell under Section 9C, which is a statute under Massachusetts General Laws that requires the governor to intervene when expenditures are projected to be in excess of revenues.

The process, as outlined in the Massachusetts General Laws, states that the treasurer must inform the governor that there is a deficiency in the budget. He must decide the amount that is to be cut and sign an order requiring that the amount be returned by the various agencies to the treasurer.

The governor is only able to make 9C cuts from agencies that are under his executive authority. The state university system is under his authority by way of the Department of Higher Education, which is led by the Secretary of Education, a cabinet-level official.

A town hall-style meeting will be taking place Thurs. Feb. 26 at Dever Stage. Due to the press time of this week's issue, coverage of that meeting will be in next week's issue of The Westfield Voice.

going to try to meet with Jon Conlogue, executive director of residential life, to extend the Mar. 1 date. He said that the date has been changed in the past.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, announced that Spring Weekend would be taking place on Apr. 24, 25, and 26. An extensive list of events and foods will be available for students as the weekend approaches.

Ryan Losco, 2016 president, asked Chamberlain if he knew if the Campus Actives Board picked a genre for the concert. Chamberlain said no genre has been picked yet, but the agent booking the artist will tell him before the next SGA meeting.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, brought a proposal for the SGA to approve.

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The proposal came from the Communication Club, asking for $500 to be used for their annual end of the year dinner where students share their accomplishments in a semi-formal event.

Carlin said every year the club asks for money and the Finance Committee usually helps out. The motion to allocate the money to the club passes unanimously. Approximately $10,674.72 remains for the Finance Committee to use.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian and representative-at-large, read three proposals to amend the Constitution of the Student Government.

The first amendment, proposed by Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, was to be added to Article V, Section 2.

It reads, "Shall not serve as a member of the general Legislature and Executive Council concurrently." No questions or concerns were raised; the amendment passed its first reading unanimously.

The second amendment, proposed by Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, read, "All amendments to the constitution and its bylaws must be presented to the Executive Council before presentation to the Legislative Council for informational purposes. The Executive Council may not, at that point, make any decision allowing or barring its presentation to the Legislature."

Palis said that the Rules and Regulations Committee, the body of senators that read amendments for their constitutionality and relevancy prior to the public readings, recommended that the senators reject the amendment.

Once Palis made the motion to reject, Clark rose to justify that decision.

"This was a major reaction to the recent two amendments that were presented to Exec but not brought to the legislative floor on the first meeting of the semester," he said.

He added, "...but in Rules and Regs, we thought if the Executive Council shouldn't be blindsided by amendments, why should the Legislative Council? That's what the next amendment is about and we will read it to you."

The senators were convinced, and the amendment was rejected. Because of the constitutional requirement that an amendment must pass twice to be affirmed, the amendment will most likely be left out of Palis' report next week.

The third amendment, proposed by Palis, reads, "All amendments to the constitution and its bylaws must be presented to the Executive Council and the Legislative Council for informational purposes. The proposed constitution amendment must be submitted to both parties within five (5) business days of being presented to the Legislative Council and Executive Council after its referral by the Rules and Regulations Committee."

She said that information, such as new amendments, should be available by email to everyone on senate. This way, senators will not be being blind-sided on the day of the meeting, so they can tell their constituencies ahead of time about incoming changes.

Aaron Sylvia, president of Dickinson Hall and member of the Rules and Regulations Committee, rose to propose an amendment to the language. His signature appeared on the document as a sponsor of the language as written.

"I support this bill, but, I am worried about senators who do not have emails for the five business days and future issues with just five days. How would we represent the entire council," said Sylvia. He offered six days rather than five as a solution. One meeting would present the information in paper form before the voting would take place, so students have the maximum chance of contemplating on the new amendment.

After much conjecture, Ryan Losco, president of the junior class, rose to make a claim that this amendment is unnecessary because it adds unnecessary bureaucracy to the process.

Clark, attempting to understand Sylvia's point, explained the current amendment process with emphasis on how Sylvia's proposal would not work.

Clark asked Sylvia if his proposal for six business days was going to change the amendments process. "Sara or who ever the parliamentarian is will email it at least five business days before it gets sent to the SGA to vote on. There is no new business part of it or a part where I am going to talk about it in senate before it goes through Rules and Regs. It is very unclear as to why there is necessity for six days."

Sylvia's proposed language was not added to the amendment, which passed its first reading with near-unanimous consent.

The first and third amendments proposed at Tuesday's meeting will be read at the March 3 meeting.

During the voting and debating DiVico was very stern about the senator's papers rustling loudly. She said the recorder for the meetings picks up on the papers and it creates a loud sound that blocks out people's voices when speaking. This happened three times. She has made this an issue at least once per meeting this semester.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Mar. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

The Hadley Police Department has identified a UMass Amherst football player as a suspect in a fight that put someone unconscious and in need of surgery on early Sunday morning. Neither identity has been released while the case is under investigation. Police believe the incident may be related to an accident that occurred nearby on the same evening.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Syracuse University is now offering a grant of $1,000 to attract students to smaller study abroad programs. The grant will be available for programs in Beijing, Santiago, and Poland. The grants are intended to draw students toward less popular programs. Administration hopes that the grants will encourage more students to study abroad.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Harvard University has announced that former governor Deval Patrick will be the 2015 Commencement Speaker. Patrick graduated from Harvard in 1978 and was the first African American to serve as governor of Massachusetts. Harvard's 364th Commencement will take place on May 28th in Tercentenary Theatre in Harvard Yard.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

A new program called "Solarize U" will launch on March 4th. The program intends to help install alternative engergy sources on campus. They are a branch of Solarize Connecticut. The goal is to reach Connecticut residents who want to start making the move toward renewable energy resources. They are planning many outreach programs for future months.

2015-2016 HOUSING SIGN-UP CHECKLIST

courtesy of the Department of Residential Life and Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life

Westfield State University

Checklist, Tips, & Suggestions

For Successful Housing Registration!!!

2014-2015

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Information Sessions	Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Dining Commons
Disability Accommodation Requests Due	February 27	4:00 PM	Banacos Center
Housing Deposit Due	March 1	11:59 PM	Online in MyHousing
Living Learning Community Applications Due	March 4	4:00 PM	Residential Life
Disability Accommodation Decisions Emailed	March 5	Noon	University Email
Living Learning Community Decisions Emailed	March 13	Noon	University Email
Living Learning Community Selection	March 17	Noon	Residential Life
Meet & Greet —All Students	March 17	7:00 PM	University Hall
Selection Day #1 for SR/JR Groups Only	March 18	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #2 for SR/JR/SO Groups Only	March 23	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #3 for SR/JR/SO/FY Groups	March 25	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #4 for Random Assignment	March 27	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing

Checklist

- ☐ Log onto MyHousing located in your myWestfield account under the Campus Life tab; Mouse over the Applications tab and click on Housing Agreement 2015-2016—Current Students.
- ☐ Pay your $200 Housing Deposit
- ☐ Check your email for a confirmation message; Mouse over the Housing Sign-Up tab and click on Roommates/ Suitemates; Search by Last Name and request your roommates.
- ☐ Confirm your Roommate Group is MATCHED; NOT MATCHED will appear next to students who have not accepted their requests. Be sure all students in your group have confirmed BEFORE your Selection Night.
- ☐ Check your e-mail the day before Selection Nights to find out your selection time.
- ☐ Have the member of your group with the earliest selection time log onto MyHousing; Mouse over Housing Sign-Up and click on Select a Room/Suite; Select a room/suite from those available, place your group into the correct rooms and click Submit.
- ☐ Look on screen for the confirmation of your selection and check your e-mail for confirmation of your selection.
- ☐ Relax, your housing is now confirmed for 2014-2015!

Tips & Suggestions

- **Get together with your future roommates on your sign up nights and make an event out of it!**
- **Have the person with the earliest selection time ready to select for your group.**
- **Use the wired network during selection to avoid interruptions of your wireless signal.**
- **Have MULTIPLE back-up plans in case your first choice for housing does not work out. This includes multiple housing options and multiple roommate options.**

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Boston area bowler receives Harlem Globetrotter's "Trotter Tribute" for three straight perfect games

From Press Release

The world famous Harlem Globetrotters are honoring Stoughton, Mass., resident Hakim Emmanuel with a "Trotter Tribute," in recognition of his remarkable accomplishment of bowling three straight perfect games.

Emmanuel threw 36 consecutive strikes on Feb. 19 during the Thursday Night Patriots Doubles league at Westgate Lanes in Brockton, Mass., making him the 26th bowler in history, and first in Massachusetts, to record a perfect series.

"Hakim treated those pins like they were the Washington Generals," said Globetrotters' Showman Big Easy Lofton. "As an amateur bowler, Hakim proves there is greatness in all of us. He is a deserving recipient of our 'Trotter Tribute' and is the first bowler to win the award."

Emmanuel will have the opportunity to meet the Globetrotters and attend one of their games at TD Garden when the Globetrotters' 2015 "Washington Generals' Revenge" World Tour travels into Boston on Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 at 1 p.m.

The "Trotter Tribute" honors athletes from all sports throughout the world whose play calls to mind the dazzling showmanship of "the world's most famous team."

The honor is designed to recognize amazing and entertaining moments during the course of competition.

Members of the media often refer to unbelievable plays as "Globetrotter-esque," signifying fantastic athletic feats, as well as the unique trademark the team has emblazoned in incorporating entertainment into sports.

Tickets to see the Globetrotters in Boston are available at the TD Garden box office or online at harlemglobetrotters.com.

Sponsored by World Vision, Greyhound Lines and Baden Sports, The Harlem Globetrotters® are celebrating their 89th consecutive year, continuing a world famous tradition of ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry, and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that continues to thrill fans of all ages.

Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Herschend Family Entertainment Corporation, the largest family-owned themed entertainment company in the U.S. Throughout their history, the Original Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 122 countries and territories on six continents, often breaking down cultural and societal barriers while providing fans with their first-ever basketball experience.

Proud inductees of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Globetrotters have entertained hundreds of millions of fans over more than eight thrilling decades. For more information, visit the Globetrotters' official Web site: www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

Worcester Rewarded for Community Service

Sharks, Bravehearts, DCU Center, Harlem Globetrotters offering prize packages for residents who help their community with snow removal

From Press Release

There are 6,100 fire hydrants across the city of Worcester, and each one of them could save someone's life.

With that knowledge, the city of Worcester, the Worcester Sharks, the Worcester Bravehearts, the DCU Center and the Harlem Globetrotters are offering prize packages to Worcester residents who help the city dig out from this winter's record-breaking snow and improve public safety in their community.

With the snow totals in Worcester now surpassing the tallest player on the Harlem Globetrotters, the world famous team will lend an assist to incentivize Worcester residents to dig out local fire hydrants. The Globetrotters, who will play games in Worcester, Lowell, and Boston at the end of March, will give tickets to their DCU Center game to those who help.

Every resident who posts a photo of their shoveled-out hydrant on Twitter or Facebook with the hashtag #woochallenge will be entered to win a prize package from the Sharks, Bravehearts or the Globetrotters. You can also tag the City of Worcester's official accounts: @tweetworcester on Twitter or Worcester Massachusetts (Government) on Facebook.

In addition to three grand prize packages, the first 20 people to post will get a free ticket to the Globetrotters game at the DCU Center at 7 p.m. on March 27.

On Sunday, the Worcester Fire Department responded to two structure fires. No one was injured in either fire, thanks to the quick work of Worcester firefighters. They were aided by neighbors who had already shoveled out nearby hydrants before the calls came in.

"Worcester is blessed with a well-trained, highly skilled and supremely dedicated fire department, but they can't do it alone," said City Manager Edward Augustus. "During a fire, every second counts. Every fire hydrant that Worcester residents can dig out is one more that is available to firefighters who may need it to save someone's life."

"The Bravehearts are happy to help the City of Worcester and Worcester Fire Department with this initiative," said Dave Peterson, general manager of the Worcester Bravehearts. "We're fortunate to have Kevin Hartigan, a Worcester firefighter, on our coaching staff, and we want to do our part to make sure he and his colleagues are best-positioned to suppress fires as quickly as possible. In crisis situations, every second counts. Be brave, have a heart, dig it out."

"It is hard to believe that the snow accumulation in the City of Worcester has surpassed 7-feet 6-inches this winter," said 7-foot 4-inch Stretch Middleton, the third tallest Harlem Globetrotter in the team's 89-year history. "As the Ambassadors of Goodwill, the Globetrotters are pleased to assist the City in clean-up efforts and reward residents who clear out their local fire hydrants with tickets to our game at DCU Center."

Sandy Dunn, General Manager of the DCU Center said "As the single-most performed event in the DCU Center's 32 year history, we knew the Harlem Globetrotters would want to be a part of this cooperative effort." Dunn continued, "Harlem Globetrotters International is an organization that has become a part of the fabric of our community and we are proud to call them our partners."

Drawings for the prize packages will take place throughout February and March, starting this weekend before the Sharks game. The Worcester Sharks Heroes Night presented by Unum to benefit Habitat for Humanity is this Saturday, Feb 21 at 7pm at the DCU Center when the Sharks host the Norfolk Admirals. All military, police and fire, and first responders will receive a free ticket to the game at the DCU Center Box Office on the day of the game – and will have the opportunity to purchase up to four tickets for family and friends for just $10 each. For more information, call the Sharks front office at 508-929-0500 or visit www.SharksAHL.com.

Prize packages are as follows:

WORCESTER SHARKS

- Four tickets to the Feb. 21 Sharks home game
- Four team scarves
- Four hasehall hats

WORCESTER BRAVEHEARTS

- Four Box seats to any 2015 Bravehearts home game
- Four Hot dogs and drinks
- And either:

o A chance to throw out a ceremonial first pitch at one of our games OR

o A chance to ride on the Bravehearts fire truck with us in the Worcester Saint Patrick's Day Parade March 8th.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

- Four Tickets to the game at the DCU Center on March 27 at 7 p.m.
- A chance to throw up the hall for the Honorary Tip Off at the game

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crime log

On Feb. 18, a harassment order was violated at 2:58 p.m. in Mod Hall. A summons was mailed.

On Feb. 20, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:05 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 20, a liquor law violation occurred at 8:45 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 20, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:49 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:33 a.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a drug law violation occurred at 1:21 a.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 1:23 a.m. in Dickinson Hali. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a liquor law violation, drug law violation, and receiving stolen property occurred at 1:36 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 2:17 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:13 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 21, a drug law violation occurred at 11:31 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 22, a liquor law violation and drug law violation occurred at 1:01 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 23, a threat to commit a crime occurred at 7:39 a.m. on social media. A summons was mailed and the case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 24, harassment occurred at 3:36 p.m. on social media. The case is being investigated.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

from the voice vault

This article was published in the April 12, 1967 issue of Westek.

Campus Rapidly Growing Seeks Bids for Expansion

The State Bureau of Building Constitution in Boston recently announced that bids are being accepted for the construction of the new training school and expansion of dining facilities at Westfield State College.

Dr. Leonard J. Savignano, president of Westfield State, said that the new facility will cost between $2 million and $2.5 million while the estimated cost of the dining hall expension is $270,000.

The new training school, which will be built adjacent to the college on its western side, will accomodate 600 elementary school children from Westfield and releases the city from the obligation of building a similar sized structure.

Dr. Savignano said that it would include a library and a learning center. The learning center will be equipped with all the latest electronic devices for education.

"There will be all kinds of audio-visual aids, including television," the president said.

Equipped For Handicapped

"The training school will have a room for the physically handicapped and hopefully for the emotionally handicapped," he added. The new facility will also have its own cafeteria and athletic facilities, both indoor and outdoor.

It will go from kindergarten to sixth grade in the educational spectrum.

It is estimated that if the ground is broken for the building this spring the school could be opened by the fall of 1968.

Dining Capacity Doubled

The expansion of dining facilities will double the existing 300 seat capacity.

The new dining facility will also contain a function room in the basement.

Dr. Savignano said that he anticipates the new dining facility will be ready for fall use.

Speaker Presented by Geography Department

Dr. Robert Huke, head of the geography department at Dartmouth College, spoke in Dever Auditorium, Westfield State College, April 11. His lecture entitled "Shifting Cultivations in Southeast Asia", was accompanied by slides.

Dr. Huke appeared at Westfield under the Visiting Geographical Scientist Program sponsored by the Association of American Geographers assisted by a grent from the National Science Foundation. The program was conducted in Western Massachusetts in cooperation with Westfield State, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College and the University of Massachusetts.

Purpose of the program was to give studente a richer appreciation of the nature of geography, to encourage the professional interests of faculty members in their own particular subfields of geography, and to develop visiting scientists' awareness of the problems of geography in small institutions.

Under the program a roster of recognized scholars in various subfields of geography has been developed by the Council of the Association of American Geographers.

Dr. Huke's appearance at Westfield was under the auspices of the Department of Geography headed by Prof. John O'Shea.

Arno Maris, pictured above, chairman of the Westfield State College Art Department, is head of the Third Annual Arts Festival. The festival began April 6 and will continue through April 16. Other members of the faculty helping with arrangements for the festival are: Fredrick Lynch, Bernard McMahon, Miss Catherine Dower, Dr. Dennis Kiely, Frank E. Mello, and Dr. Wallace Goldstein.

State Juniors Receive Associate Ratings for Women's Basketball

Christine E. Grende, Joan C. Rodgers, and Mary Williams, all juniors at Westfield State College, have been awarded Associate ratings as members of the Greater Springfield Board of Women Officials. The board is responsible for training and

At Westfield she is a member of the Women's Athletic Association.

Miss Rodgers

Miss Rodgers, an elementary education major, is a graduate of Holy Cross Academy, Brookline, where

active in Intramural basketball.

Miss Williams

Miss Williams, also an education major, is a graduate of Watertown High School, Watertown, where she was a member of the student

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Spring Weekend brings together disparate styles, fans

BY JESSICA NORDEN & LAURA GIBSON
VOICE STAFF

The Saturday of Spring Weekend kicked off with concerts at 11:30 p.m. behind the Ely building. Five bands performed throughout the day, including Lloyds Hill, Children of the Kom, Dispatch, Itchy Fish, and Rahzel (from the Roots), ended around 6:30 p.m.

Lloyds Hill was the first band to perform. Although it was early in the morning for most students, many came out to enjoy the day and to hear rock music. Lloyds Hill's members are Bobb Burgess-vocals and acoustic guitar, Matt Hall-drums, Justin Lamare-bass and vocals, Kevin Buckingham-lead guitar and vocals, and D.J. Renzi-guitar and vocals.

"I think that this was worth the money, because you get to see bands that you sometimes can't see anywhere else for this price," said Freshman Kim Stearns. "I think that Spring Weekend was a really cool idea and that Lloyds Hill has really great music."

Children of the Kom, a tribute band to Kom, took the stage around 12:30 p.m. and the crowd of students grew a bit larger around that time. Children of the Kom's members are Kyle Small-vocals, Joe Chisholm-guitar, Ken Robert-guitar, Bill Brault-bass, and Ken Schon-drums. They performed many of Kom's songs and a couple of their own. Students began moving towards the stage to get up closer to enjoy the music.

"I enjoy Spring Weekend because it's really fun and I like the way it brings the campus together to just have fun and enjoy good music," said Freshman Adair Webb. "Lloyds Hill and Children of the Kom are both really good bands."

Dispatch arrived on stage at 1:45 p.m. with the crowd becoming larger as the day went on. More students moved towards the front by the stage as Dispatch began their set. Dispatch's members are Brad-vocals, drums, guitar and percussion, Pete-vocals, bass, and guitar, and Chad-vocals, guitar, bass, percussion.

"I definitely think that this was worth the money and I'm having a great time enjoying the bands, especially Dispatch," said Allison Sherrick, a Freshman.

Before Itchy Fish took the stage, Vice President of Programming, Maggie Smith came on, and with the head of the athletic department, introduced the new Owl mascot picture for the athletics department.

"I think that the security has been a bit too tight, but I'm a hardcore Dispatch fan, so I've enjoyed the day anyways," said Nathan Sigman, a Freshman.

"I think that I would have rather paid $15 than $20, and the school kind of went overboard with security," said Freshman Jen Treadwell. "I think that if they loosened up a bit, more people would have showed up."

"I think that if they had more well known bands that more people would have thought to buy tickets," said Kristin Richard, a Freshman.

Itchy Fish, a Pearl Jam tribute band, took the stage at 3:30 p.m. and when the band began their set, some of the students in front of the stage started crowd surfing and the cops came and took away the students who were participating. Itchy Fish then told the crowd to just enjoy the show and not to crowd surf.

Itchy Fish's members are Ziggy Sevigny-vocals, Bob Eddy-guitar, Jesse Bastos-bass, Port Raposa-drums, Sean Compton-guitar, and Huggie Hudson-tech. Itchy Fish had DJ J.S. accompany them on a few of their songs.

Around 5:30 p.m., Rahzel (from the Roots) took the stage as the last performer of the night. Rahzel brought out a lot from the crowd. Most of the students that were inside of the concert area joined the crowd around the stage. The crowd got very excited and upbeat as Rahzel ended the day with his voice acting as a vocal sound machine accompanied by DJ J.S. who had joined Itchy Fish earlier.

Staff Photo

Lloyds Hill performing at Spring Weekend Saturday April 28.

"I think that it was great because you get to eat good food and hear great music. Dispatch was really good and the crowd liked it too," said Meghan Kydd, a Freshman.

"Today was fun and it was something different than what goes on usually on the weekends," said Freshman Angela Webb. "I really enjoyed Dispatch, so I had a great time today."

Maggie Smith, Vice President of Programming, talked about the collaboration of DJ J.S. with Itchy Fish and Rahzel. Itchy Fish and Rahzel had performed together a few nights ago and Itchy Fish had requested if DJ J.S. could perform with them today. "The stage manager worked it out with the band and the sound people. Itchy Fish thought that it would be a great opportunity for them and the crowd seemed to enjoy it a lot.

"I think that the turnout was really great and I was very impressed with the show. The crowd was having a lot of fun. Today was smooth and everyone arrived on time. This year we hired a stage manager for the first time and he controlled everything on stage perfectly. I think that today went very well and everyone had a lot of fun," said Smith.

Other activities included Friday night's performances by Disco Village, 3 Apples High, the Breakdancers, and Traveling Matt. On Saturday, novelties like a moonbounce, a bull-riding event, and a blown up obstacle course were available along with fried dough and vendors selling gifts.

opinions & editorials

LADIES LIFESTYLE

One of beauty's best kept secrets: water!

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Layout and Design Editor

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Water serves as an essential part of maintaining a functioning body and is necessary for all life forms. Without water there would be no life. But did you know that water has a multitude of beauty benefits?

One of the best-kept beauty secrets is not finding the perfect shade of eye shadow or the right flat iron, but rather proper water consumption. Even though good grooming is important, good health is more important.

Without water your body would stop working properly, but just the right amount is perfect for maintaining your highly functioning body. Many people think that they drink enough, or even worse only drink when they become thirsty. There is a difference between drinking because it is necessary and drinking because you have the desire. Water provides much more than sustainability to the body. The human body is designed to run on the nutrients from food and water. But why is it so important to drink a lot of it? Besides sustaining life and gaining beauty benefits, there are many reasons to incorporate drinking plenty of water during your day:

Functions

- Body temperature regulation
- Transport of nutrients
- Chemical and metabolic reactions
- Cell life

Elimination of waste

Benefits

1. Youthful skin – Since water is used to flush the toxins out from the body, it is significant in clearing up your skin. If you are not drinking plenty of water, those toxins build up underneath the skin.

Also, it is important to keep yourself hydrated because skin cells are constantly exposed to a dry environment. Hydration is important in maintaining a healthy glow to the skin.

2. Stress reliever – All of the body's organs require water to function properly, and if you are dehydrated your body is not running well. Amanda Carlson, RD, director of performance nutrition at Athletes' Performance, states that there has been studies showing that being just a half of a liter dehydrated can result in increased cortisol levels.

Cortisol is a stress hormone, so if you are not properly hydrated then your stress levels can go up. Carlson states, "when you don't give your body the fluids it needs, you're putting stress on it, and it's going to respond to that."

3. Helps in burning fat – You can live on water alone for around 30 to 40 days; however, if you do not drink water for three days you will probably die. When you do not drink enough water, your body cannot do its job properly.

If the only fluids you consume are coffee, tea, artificial juice and soda, then you are going to become dehydrated. When you become dehydrated your metabolism starts to slow down.

A slow metabolism will not burn fat efficiently. By drinking plenty of water (around 32 to 64 ounces per day) you will be able to circulate nutrients from food better, and, subsequently, flush out more toxins and burning fat.

4. Healthy joint movement – Joint pain can be reduced by drinking plenty of water. The water helps to keep cartilage stay hydrated and soft. Also, water helps to maintain an adequate blood volume. This makes it possible for nutrients to move through the blood stream and into the joints. The joints absorb these nutrients and blood like a sponge. A wet sponge is more flexible than a dry one.

5. Clear bright eyes – They say a person's inner beauty is shown through the eyes. If the eyes are the window to the soul, you want to make sure it is a clear window.

While using highlighter is a great way to make the eyes appear larger and more awake, using makeup is not the only way to have bright, sparkling eyes. Instead of trying to correct the problem, why not try and prevent it? Eyes can appear puffy when not properly hydrated.

The body will retain any water it has and will store it. The result is swelling and puffiness. Also, if your body is dehydrated, the eyes can appear dull and bloodshot. Dull and bloodshot eyes are not clear, bright, or charming.

6. Improved concentration – Lacking water can cause many problems with the brain. These symptoms include trouble focusing, memory issues, brain fog and fatigue, headaches, sleep issues, anger, and depression.

Water gives the brain electrical energy, which include that for thought and memory process. When the brain is functioning with the right amount of water, you will be able to think faster and be more focused.

Intelligence is beautiful, and who said being smart isnt beautiful?

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

The Oscars—A source for political activism?

Matthew Carlin
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The Oscars were night of dry jokes, "inspirational" speeches, and...political activism? The Red Carpet was filled with a variety of dresses and suits, artists and actors, and even a few technicians. However, it seems that the Oscars were also filled with something much, much worse... Liberal activists.

Let us start off by discussing the biggest declaration of the night from Patricia Arquette given during her acceptance speech after winning the "Best Supporting Actress" award for her role in "Boyhood." She said, "... To every woman who gave birth to every taxpayer and citizen of this nation, we have fought for everybody else's equal rights, it's our time to have wave equality once and for all, and equal rights for women in the United States of America."

I believe she may have been referring to the fact that Congress has yet to pass the Equal Pay Act, which still remains a source of division amongst the House of Republicans. After her comment, the audience of billionaires went wild. There is currently an animated gif circulating the Internet featuring Meryl Streep and Jennifer Lopez freaking out in a positive way from the statement.

Now I for one can full-heartily agree that the inability of Congress to pass this piece of legislation is aggravating and confusing. However, I do wonder if perhaps Arquette was referring to the massive pay gap that is seen in Hollywood between male actors and female actresses, which, in comparing the highest paid male to the highest paid female, shows that females made just 40 cents for every dollar males made. Now, I want to put that in perspective: if an actor made about five million dollars, a female probably made only two million. So I doubt we can really use this "woe is me" story on the matter.

If we look at the wage gap in the workplace for "normal" salaries, – you know, those who only see one or two zeros in their paycheck instead of five or six – we see that the gap is variable to the data. The Washington Post did an extensive data crunch under their "Fact Check" section, which analyzed the data and produced a few startling results.

The actual pay gap is non-existent in the sense of a single number, but changes based on the year and data used. Women who do not get married make roughly 96 cents for every dollar, while those in 2013 shows a gap of 22 cents. Using the hourly system, which excludes salaried workers, shows about a 14-cent gap while salaried workers show about 19 cents on a weekly basis. All values are to be considered the gap between males and females (females making x cents less per dollar then males).

It is worth mentioning that the instituted for Women's policy and Research noted that the gap widens to 27.6 cents when part time workers are included and calculated that across a 15 year period, the gap between prime working age men and women was roughly 62 percent!

We should note that these numbers have underlying factors, such as maternity leave for women (paid and unpaid). There is a statistic that women prefer to take jobs with better fringe benefits (time off and "mother hours") which results in lower pay, and even choose careers that tend to have a lower pay.

I am in no way saying that the Gender Pay Gap does not exist, because I know that it does. I am, however, suggesting that the gap may not be as big or as small as we see it, since we do not take into account the right factors and use only raw data. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis once cited a survey in which, during the Bush Administration (George W.), that gap dwindled to an hourly gap of 5 cents to every dollar. This was in hard cash, but was due to a large portion of women having more "benefits" then males.

Speaking of administrations, President Obama, who calls this gap "embarrassing," has come under fire for violations as well. After reporting the salaries of White House staff members online, it was shown that White House staffers had a gap from 6-13 cents per dollars between males and females.

White House officials quickly argued that there was not a valid example since there was no calculation in seniority or work experience. Again, I cannot stress enough that I agree a pay gap exists. I am simply stating that the data is biased and has not truly represented the country as a whole. Personally, I believe we will never have a true figure, but we do have factors and situations that we can address.

The first would be that women tend to be the ones who leave the work force to raise families and, therefore, take maternity leave. This sort of action severely lowers their wages, which is an entire state problem we need to address. Then there is the fact that women represent the majorities in the top ten lowest paying professions in the country, ranging from early childhood education to communication disorder sciences and services. Unless women switch into more lucrative work like mining and mineral engineering or marine engineering, then the pay gap will maintain its intensity. If you found an error in this article please do not hesitate to let me know. This is a very controversial issue and I believe that we need to publicly address it. We should not, however, make this an election issue because the White House itself violates it. I believe we need to address the social and discriminatory issues that already exist during this upcoming election cycle, like the penalty of taking maternity leave.

from the editors' desks

Snow removal on this campus leaves much to be desired

Snow removal is a hot topic at Westfield State University these days. With all of the snow of this winter, the campus has been plagued with excessively tall snow banks, slushy sidewalks, icy commutes, and miscommunication regarding parking bans and snow plowing.

So much complaining has been done on the subject that a survey was distributed by the Student Government to organize the complaints to Facilities and Operations in a more efficient manner. The problem of snow removal is that it is so unpredictable from year to year.

The Farmer's Almanac may give you an idea of how much snow will fall, but there is no way for the university to prepare for how much snow will actually fall. There is only so much that can be done to prepare. Also, there is the issue of how to allocate the manpower to get the snow removed from the sidewalks and roadways before they need to be used.

There are only so many hours a person can contractually work plowing the same roads or parking lots before it is time to call it quits. Given all of these variables, however, there has been a severe mismanagement of the snow removal this year.

This covers many of the people involved. From the actual act of removing snow to the announcement of cancelled classes to the condition of the sidewalks on class days, this winter has been mishandled.

Glaring examples of this can be seen by the many people who trip and fall on unavoidable ice, but also by the many who are in wheelchairs and get stuck in the snow. A person who requires a wheelchair cannot easily get out of their wheelchair to push it through the snow.

The roadways and sidewalks should be hit early with salt. Once the snow begins to stick to the roadways, it should be plowed every half-hour until the snow stops. While the snowplows are working, crews should be shoveling the sidewalks.

Once the sidewalks are shoveled, the salt should be applied again to help with slipping and sliding. While all of this is happening, emails should be sent communicating parking bans and potential class cancellations. It is hard to predict whether class will be cancelled until just before the commute is to take place, efforts should be put into place so the decision is made as early as possible.

The above may very well happen during the course of the average snowstorm, but it does not seem to be the way this winter has been going. There needs to be transparent communication about when students should be clearing their cars from the parking lots so students can move them out of the way of the snowplows. The lots need to be clear for the snowplows just as the sidewalks must be clear for those walking or using a wheelchair.

Hopefully as time progresses, the response to a snowstorm improves.

We look forward to the results of the SGA's snow removal survey.

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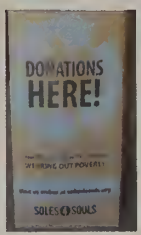

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THE LIBERAL VIEW

UMass Amherst overturns controversial policy

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

The "Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012" has now heen revoked by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The policy made headlines when it was made effective on February 1, and continued to make headlines when it was overturned on Fehruary 16.

The Act restricted Iranian Graduate students from participating in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This also would have limited Iranian/Syrian Nationals from studying chemical engineering, chemistry, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical and industrial engineering, microhiology, physics, and polymer science and engineering.

The policy read: "The Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, any alien who is a citizen of Iran that the Secretary of State determines seeks to enter the United States to participate in course work at an institution of higher education... to prepare the alien for a career in the energy sector of Iran or in nuclear science or nuclear engineering or a related field in Iran."

Jamal Ahdi, the policy director for the National Iranian American Council said that, "They've just hlocked a giant segment of potential Iranian students, and these are not even fields that the U.S. government would prevent them from coming here to study."

The text of the policy isolates Iranian Nationals from feeling integrated on campus and is extremely limiting to the fields of study they are allowed to immerse themselves in.

The university admitted that the act went against the diversity policies it currently has in place. Critics of the policy said that while the 2012 statute tasks the State Department with rejecting student visa applications in certain cases, it doesn't specify anything about the university's admissions policies.

In short, UMass tried to take the State's sanctions into its own hands when handling admission into STEM fields.

"Colleges and universities in the U.S. have found that Iranian students who travel abroad during their studies are being denied reentry hy the Department of Homeland Security as a result of these and other regulations," the UMass policy states, "There are significant penalties, hoth civil and criminal, that could potentially impact faculty, staff and students, for violations of this Act and the related regulations and restrictions."

Even with the best intentions, the school would be a more powerful entity and education facility with the policy removed. The policy tried to put students of Iranian and Syrian decent at a disadvantage and is a product of war propaganda currently heing institutionalized in higher education.

This, in turn, will reflect on the workforce once students graduate.

"This approach reflects the university's longstanding commitment to wide access to educational opportunities," Michael Malone, vice chancellor for research and engagement, said in a statement on the university's website. "We have always helieved that excluding students from admission conflicts with our institutional values and principles."

I helieve that sanctions like this are pepping up in other parts of the country and perhaps in other countries that fear culture in the Middle East.

However, misunderstanding culture and feeding into prejudices are only going to perpetuate so that the United States can prolong its involvement on foreign soil.

The propaganda is so influential that it is attacking a sacred space in two spheres—youth and education. If people do not engage and shut down sanctions and policies that are initiated to limit Nationals then the opportunity of an equal and diverse America is heing eliminated.

If the University is concerned by the material they are teaching in these fields and the potential danger it could cause, then maybe it should take a look at the curriculum taught and not the students enrolled.

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gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

I'm having an issue. My ex boyfriend and I were on and off for a while last semester. Over the holiday break, I decided enough was enough and I ended it. We agreed to still be friends, but we never really hung out after.

Very recently, I have started seeing a new guy. It's nothing extremely serious at this point, but I foresee it going that way and I like him a lot. As soon as my ex found out about this, he began asking to hang out and be friends again.

He's not being malicious or rude at all, but I just find it strange that as soon as I am genuinely interested in somebody else, he comes back into the picture. I have no intention of making it work with my ex, but I wouldn't be opposed to being friends if that it what he is actually interested in. Do you think there is a chance that he actually wants to be friends? Or do you think he is just trying to ruin this new spark?

Sincerely,
I hate men.

Dear I hate men,

This sounds like a movie! Are you sure you didn't see something this ridiculous on TV? Obviously your ex is just trying to mess up your new fling with this guy!

Don't pay attention to him. If he wanted to be friends, he would have reached out long before you had some new boo. Ya girl Gail has been in enough love triangles in the past to know ridiculous men when she sees them.

XOXO,
Ya girl Gail

PASSPORT TO POLITICS

Backers of Cathedral High seek peculiar decision from Diocese

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Catholics in Western Massachusetts have been closely watching the Diocese of Springfield and what they will be doing with Cathedral High School.

Cathedral High was a private parochial high school located on Surrey Road in Springfield. It is a school famous for its prowess in hockey and the alumni it produces.

Unfortunately, the June 2011 tornado that swept through the area severely damaged the school and left the Diocese to decide what to do with the FEMA and insurance money: rebuild or reallocate the funds?

The Committee for Cathedral Action was formed in order to compel the Diocese to rebuild the school on Surrey Road.

The Diocese, which has undergone a change in its bishop since the start of the campaign, was, until Monday, annoyingly quiet on the matter.

Bishop Mitchell Rozanski announced that Cathedral High and Holyoke Catholic High, located in Chicopee, will merge to create one regional high school.

The announcement did not include where the school would be located, which sent the Committee for Cathedral Action and the supporters of Cathedral into overdrive, pushing for the Surrey Road location.

"With that said, we have expressed time after time that the mission of the CCA was for a new Cathedral High School to be built on Surrey Road and thousands rallied to that call. We will not relent until that mission is accomplished," said a statement released by the CCA.

The fact of the matter is that the Surrey Road location is sensible for the rebuilding of the high school.

Monies have been secured to pay for the rebuilding effort, and the pre-tornado enrollment numbers show that the location is sustainable for the long-term.

Add the Holyoke Catholic numbers into the mix and a regional Catholic high school is a home run.

As a life-long Chicopee resident, I would hate to see the city's only Catholic high school be merged with the same in Springfield, but the reality is that the current location of Holyoke Catholic is not conducive to expansion or long-term use.

Interestingly, Chicopee mayor Richard Kos announced support for the rebuilding effort, offering a location on Grove Street as a potential relocation site.

The Chicopee boy in me smiles, but the Cathedral backers cannot and should not accept that as a viable solution.

Surrey Road is where Cathedral was and should be, even if it is two high schools in one.

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6. Title - Meghan Trainor
7. NOW 53 - Various Artists
8. Morning Phase - Beck
9. 2015 Grammy Nominees
10. V- Maroon 5

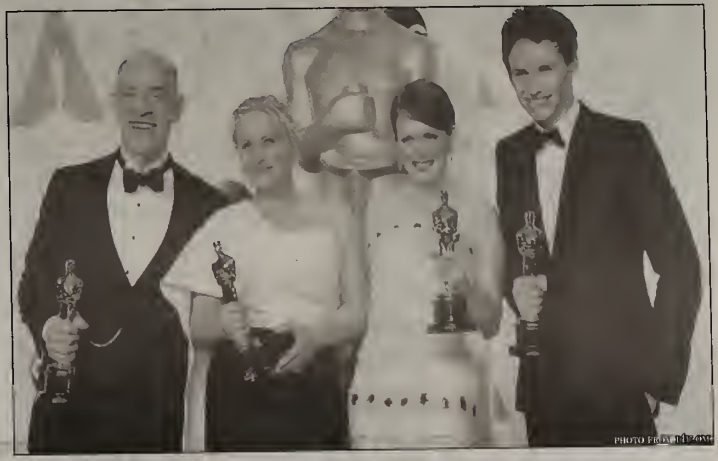
box office

1. Fifty Shades of Grey
2. Kingsman: The Secret Service
3. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water
4. McFarland, USA
5. The DUFF
6. American Sniper
7. Hot Tub Time Machine 2
8. Jupiter Ascending
9. The Imitation Game
10. Paddington

upcoming releases

1. Chappie
2. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
3. Unfinished Business
4. Merchants of Doubt
5. Cinderella
6. Run All Night
7. It Follows
8. Seymour: An Introduction
9. Insurgent
10. The Gunman

Winners provide emotion and activism at the Academy Awards



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Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

The biggest celebrity event of the year, the Academy Awards, was held on Sunday, Feb. 22, and the winners provided meaningful statements during their acceptance speeches.

Alejandro González Iñárritu won the award for Best Director for Birdman, which also won the award for Best Picture. Iñárritu called for respect and dignity for immigrants during his acceptance speech and dedicated his award to his fellow Mexicans. Many predicted Boyhood to win for Best Picture and Best Director, but in an upset, Birdman took both awards.

Eddie Redmayne won the award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking in The Theory of Everything. Redmayne, who was visibly animated and excited during his acceptance speech, dedicated his award to Stephen Hawking and everyone else suffering from ALS.

The award for Best Actress went to Julianne Moore for her portrayal of Dr. Alice Howland, a women suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's, in the film Still Alice.

Moore dedicated her award to everyone struggling with the disease and thanked her co-stars, Kristen Stewart and Alec Baldwin for helping to make the movie. Moore was previously nominated four other times for her roles in Boogie Nights, The End of the Affair, The Hours, and Far From Heaven.

J.K. Simmons won Best Supporting Actor for his role as an intimidating music teacher in the film Whiplash. Simmons thanked his wife and his children during his acceptance speech, and he urged everyone to call their parents. "Don't text, don't email – call them on the phone and tell them you love them," Simmons said, "And thank them and listen to them for as long as they want to talk to you."

Patricia Arquette won Best Supporting Actress for her work in the groundbreaking film Boyhood. The film was shot over the course of 12 years to accurately chronicle the life of a boy growing up and experiencing difficulties during young adulthood.

Arquette called for the end of the wage-gap for women during her acceptance speech, which caused Meryl Streep and Jennifer Lopez to cheer her on excitedly.

Common and John Legend won Best Song for "Glory" from the film Selma.

During the acceptance speech, Legend called for the end of mass incarceration against African Americans and told those protesting racial unrest that he and Common both supported them. The duo also performed "Glory," which brought many celebrities in the audience to tears.

Other performers during the ceremony included: Rita Ora, who performed her song "Grateful;" Adam Levine, who performed "Lost Stars;" Tim McGraw who performed "I'm Not Gonna Miss You;" Tegan and Sara and The Lonely Island who performed "Everything Is Awesome;" Jennifer Hudson who performed "I Can't Let Go;" and Lady Gaga who performed a medley of songs from "The Sound of Music."

Gaga shined by showing a softer side of herself that she normally does not show and made one thing clear – she can actually sing.

Neil Patrick Harris hosted the show and started off strong, but as the night went on many of his jokes fell flat.

This year's Academy Awards received the lowest ratings of the past six years.

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK

MARCH 2–6 2015

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Disability Fair
10 a.m.–12 p.m., Owl's Nest

Language Seminar
4–5 p.m., Loughman Livingroom

Movie Night: The Intouchables
7 p.m., Owl's Nest

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Information Table
10 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5–8 p.m., Dining Commons

Special Ed Legalities Seminar
4 p.m., Ely Center, Club Room

Wheelchair Basketball
5 p.m., Parenzo Gym

EMS/Student Security Training
5–7 p.m., Owl's Nest

Minspeak Documentary
7 p.m.

Movie Night: Rain Man
8 p.m., Owl's Nest

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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10 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5–8 p.m., Dining Commons/Ely/Wilson Hall

Special Olympics Discussion
6–7 p.m., Owl's Nest

Movie Night: I am Sam
7 p.m., Owl's Nest

Come celebrate Disability Awareness Week by attending any of these events! Come learn about different disabilities, test out adaptive sports equipment or see how to use an iPad to talk in the Disabilities Fair or check out the Oscar Winning film, "Rain Man", and definitely sign the pledge to stop using the R-Word!

Westfield STATE UNIVERSITY

Another Home Run Movie

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

The movie *42* played in the Owl's Nest on Saturday, Feb. 21. It is about Jackie Robinson's journey to overcome racial discrimination and become one of the greatest baseball players in the world.

Through Jackie's eyes we get to see how bad discrimination really was and how he influenced change in baseball.

Jackie is first introduced as a gifted baseball player with one weakness: his bad temper. When Mr. Branch Rickey offers Jackie a job, Rickey tells him to control it. I feel that Jackie's effort to take this advice is really the foundation of the movie.

He has the talent – there is no doubt about that – but his only downfall is his temper. There is one powerful scene where the Pittsburgh coach is calling Jackie names the whole game in order to distract the talented player and even has the pitcher try to hit Jackie.

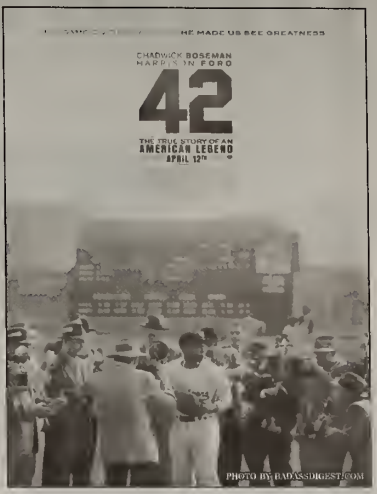
Jackie almost loses control and has to walk off the field. He then slams his bat into the wall and is only able to be calmed down by Mr. Rickey. This scene really captures Jackie and his story.

Aside from everyone else giving Jackie a hard time, he also must gain the respect of his teammates. They will defend him because they are his teammates, but they do not respect him.

Pee Wee Reese really changes this when they play in his hometown. He could give into the pressure and hate on Jackie, but instead he steps up to the plate and embraces his friendship with Jackie.

This movie is very inspiring because it shows how much Jackie went through and the mark he left on baseball.

At the end of the movie it shows that today's Brooklyn Dodgers sometimes wear the number 42 to celebrate Jackie Robinson.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Owls rake in awards as team finishes undefeated in MASCAC

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

Jen Ashton (Above) was recently named MASCAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year. She has led the team to a 15 game win streak while simultaneously leading them in points (15.1), assists (5.7), and steals (3.8) on the season.

The Westfield State women's basketball finished the regular season with a perfect 12-0 conference record. After defeating Fitchburg State in the last game of the regular season by a score of 72-56, they improved their overall record to 21-4 and extend their school-record winning streak to 15 games. They are currently ranked eighth in New England.

Westfield struggled early on in the season, losing two of their first three games of the season against Wellesley and MIT. However, the Owls recovered, and their only two losses came against Smith College and WPI. Astonishingly, however, the Owls stayed undefeated on the road, with quality wins over Mount Holyoke and UMass Boston.

As a whole, the Owls dominated in-conference, winning by an average margin of nearly 13 points a game, including a 78-56 thrashing of Salem State and a 63-47 victory against MCLA.

The closest game during their winning streak was a 67-65 overtime victory against Worchester State on the road. After going to the foul line with just 1.9 seconds left and down by two, guard Jen Ashton hit both of her free throws to force overtime against the Lancers. In overtime, center Forbasaw Nkamebo secured the victory for the Owls with a buzzer-beating layup.

One of the keys to the Owls' success in-conference has been their high scoring.

Leading the team in scoring is Ashton, who finished with 15.1 points per game. Ashton is also led the conference in assists with 142 and steals with 95, good enough to earn MASCAC Player of the Year honors.

Nkamebo has also been a driving force for the Owls. Last week, she earned MASCAC Player of the Week honors after averaging 18 points and 11 rebounds per game. For the season, Nkamebo averaged 14.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. For her efforts, Nkamebo was also named to the All-MASCAC honors along with Ashton and guard Jill Valley, who was named to the second team after averaging 12.3 points per game.

The Owls became the first team to go undefeated in conference play since Salem State did it back in 2003-04. In the process, the Owls also earned the number one seed in the MASCAC Tournament and a bye to the semifinal round.

They will host their semifinal game on Thursday at 5:30 PM against fourth seeded Framingham State, who defeated fifth seeded Fitchburg State 60-47 in their quarterfinal matchup.

Men match women with postseason awards

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State seniors Grant Cooper, Andre King and Rohby Jones have earned Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference men's haskethall all-league honors, while the Owls' coach, Rich Sutter, earned the MASCAC's coach of the year award.

Cooper and King were named to the first team, while Jones was picked for the second-team, as selected by a vote of the league's coaches.

Cooper, a 6-2 forward, leads the Owls in scoring (16.6 ppg) and rebounding (8.7 rpg), and averages three steals and two assists per game. He ranks second in the league in scoring, third in rebounds, third in assists and fourth in steals per game.

"Cooper is a whirling dervish on the floor," said Sutter. "His intensity always leads him to the hoop, and has a nose for the action. I have no problem saying that he is the best player that I have coached here at Westfield."

His 1384 career points rank eighth all-time at Westfield, his 738 rebounds are fifth all-time at the school, and he's third all-time in both assists and steals.

Cooper is a repeat selection on the first team from 2014, and he was named the circuit's rookie of the year as a freshman in 2012.

King is a 6-0 point guard who transferred from Division II St. Anselm College to play his senior season at Westfield. He stepped right into the Owls lineup and averaged 15.6 points per game, shooting a deadly 42 percent from three-point range, and leads the team with 3.2 assists per game.

He leads the league in 3-point field goal percentage, ranks second in assists and third in scoring.

"Andre is a quiet storm," said Sutter. "He is reserved, but ultra-competitive and has the ability to stay calm in tight situations."

King's 83 percent shooting from the foul line has been a key factor in the Owls closing out their opponents late in games this year.

Jones, a 5-9 guard, is averaging 11.3 points per game and leads the Owls with 51 steals. He had an explosive finish to the season, scoring 19, 20 and 22 points in the three of the Owls last five games, and was at his best in conference play where he scored nearly 14 points per game.

"Rohby's play has been the biggest surprise for me this year," said Sutter. "Cooper was a known entity, and I had seen Andre play enough to know what we were getting. But Rohby's play has been one of the main factors in leading us to the regular season title. His speed is his best skill – he's so fast with the ball – but he can also shoot the ball and that is what keeps defenders honest when they play him."

Sutter earned the league's coach of the year award for the third time. He won in 2003 and 2006. This year, he has led the Owls to an 18-6 overall record and an 11-1 mark in the MASCAC, winning the league's regular season crown and earning the top seed in this week's conference tournament.

The Owls will host fourth-seeded Salem State on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodward Center.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, February 19
M Ice Hockey at UMass Dartmouth T 1-1

Saturday, February 20th
M/W Track at New England D-III Finals

Sunday, February 21th
M/W Track at New England D-III Finals 10th/14th place
M BBall at Fitchburg State W 78-72
M Ice Hockey vs Worcester State L 4-5

Tuesday, February 24th
M Ice Hockey at Plymouth State
M/W BBall at MASCAC Quarterfinals

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 26
M/w BBall MASCAC Semifinals

Friday, February 27th
M/W Track at All New England Championships

Saturday, February 28th
M/W Track at All New England Championships
M/W BBall MASCAC Championships
M Ice Hockey MASCAC Quarterfinals

Tuesday, March 3rd
W Lax at WNEU 4:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey Semifinals

Terrier Icemen win 30th Beanpot, first since 2009

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

The championship game for the annual Beanpot Tournament took place last Monday, with the Boston University Terriers emerging victorious against the Northeastern Huskies in a 4-3 overtime victory in the Championship Game. With the win, the Terriers garnered their first win in the Beanpot Tournament since defeating the Huskies in 2009.

The game, which had been postponed due to snowfall, was held in TD Garden in Boston for the 10th consecutive season. Going into the Tournament, Boston University held a slim lead over the Boston College Eagles in the Hockey East Conference and were looking to add to that lead, whereas Northeastern was looking to climb up the standings.

The Championship Game listed a number of super-star players, most notably Jack Eichel, a Chelmsford, MA native who is projected to go high in the 2015 NHL Draft.

Both teams came out flying, and with both the Terriers and the Huskies competing in a high scoring, fast-paced offense, both were looking to strike early. The Terriers would get on the board first on a goal by Mike Moran.

Although Moran took the early lead against Northeastern, the Huskies struck back just 28 seconds later on a goal by Husky John Stevens that went high glove side on BU goalie Matt O'Connor, leaving a dead-lock at 1-1 to end the opening period.

The second period was all Boston University, with the Terriers scoring on goals from Robbie Baillargeon and Matt Grzelcyk. Grzelcyk, current Bruins prospect and captain for the Terriers, scored on a wicked shot from the left point against Huskies goalie Clay Witt. By the end of the second period, the Terriers had a 3-1 lead over the Huskies.

Despite the 3-1 deficit, the Huskies continued to press the Terriers. The Huskies got a highlight reel goal from superstar Kevin Roy, then with just 95 seconds later got the equalizer from Dustin Darou to even the score at three apiece, sending it into overtime.

Although the Huskies managed the improbable comeback, it would ultimately he the Terriers who would prevail as Matt Grzelcyk would score his second goal of the game just 51 seconds into overtime.

At the beginning of overtime, Northeastern took a bad hooking penalty, which would set up the late-game heroics.

Grzelcyk earned Most Valuable Player honors after scoring two goals, including the game winning goal in overtime, while Harvard goalie Steve Michalek took home the Eberly Award after allowing seven goals and saving 87 shots throughout both of their games.

Sadly, it was not enough as the Crimson fell to the Boston College Eagles 3-2 in overtime in the third place game.

With their win, the Terriers earned their 30th Beanpot Tournament victory, by far the most among the four Beanpot teams, leaving Northeastern still wondering if they'll ever again be able to win the trophy. The drought for the Huskies continues, as they haven't won the tournament since 1988.

The Huskies will get two opportunities to avenge their loss, however, as they play the Terriers twice this week. The first game will be played at Boston University on Friday at 7:30 PM, whereas the second game will he played on Saturday at 8:00 PM. The Saturday game will he televised on NESN+.

Hamels to Sox?

The Phillies ace is at the center of the rumor mill with potential move to Boston after statements regarding waiving no-trade list

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

Rumors have swirled that the Boston Red Sox are in the process of acquiring veteran starting pitcher, Cole Hamels, from the Philadelphia Phillies. Hamels, who has fours years left on his contract, will look to fill the void in the Red Sox's starting rotation if acquired.

Cole Hamels was, at one point in his career, one of the top pitchers in Major League Basehall. After making his Major League debut in 2006, Hamels was a huge catalyst in the Phillies' success, leading the team to the playoffs every year from 2007-11. Since then, Hamels has fallen out a bit as the Phillies have struggled to compete in the much more competitive NL East, hut that will not stop the Boston Red Sox from making an offer for the three-time All-Star.

Hamels is a solid pitcher with a career ERA of 3.27, although there is still some room for improvement. Once a 17-game winner, he has struggled to win more than nine games in the last two seasons, citing poor run support and inconsistency. With that said, when Hamels is on a hot streak, he is easily one of the top pitchers in all of baseball.

Hamels will look to return to the form that won him World Series MVP honors in 2008 after defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in five games.

But why would the Sox be targeting a 31-year-old Hamels? As far as the rotation goes, there is really no clear-cut number one starter right now in Boston. You have guys like Rick Porcello and Clay Buchholz, who at one time would have heen more than sufficient, are now less than capahle of leading a starting rotation. Hamels could be the number one starter that the Sox have been looking for.

The Sox targeting Hamels makes you wonder if they will use him as trade bait for later on in the season, since Hamels could just he a temporary rental for the Sox. However, hecause the Red Sox made no moves at the marquee pitchers in free agency, Hamels might stay – at least for the time being.

The only question is: Who will the Sox have to give up in order to get Hamels? The Phillies may want Mookie Betts or Xander Bogaerts, but the Red Sox are unlikely to give either one of them up.

Although Bogaerts did not live up to expectations in 2014, he is sure to make a positive impact as he transitions into his role. On the other hand, if Jackie Bradley Jr. were to pique the Phillies' interest, then a trade might be possible.

Hamels is looking for one last run at a title. With the lineup Boston will be trotting out Opening Day, surely he has enough talent surrounding him to where he can legitimately have a shot to get another ring. Although no progress has heen made yet to getting Hamels, the Red Sox have made it clear that they want the former All-Star in Boston.

Intramural Standings

5v5 Basketball Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	4	0	0	8
2	HYFR	2	1	0	4
3	Heart Over Height	1	0	0	2
4	Touchdown My Pants	1	0	0	2
5	Cunning Stunts	0	1	0	0
5	Founding Fathers	0	1	0	0
7	Washed Up	0	3	0	0

5v5 Basketball Skilled-West

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	OKD	4	0	0	8
2	The Legends	3	1	0	6
2	Bucks	3	1	0	6
4	Semi-Pro	2	0	0	4
5	Stanley Park Trail Blazers	1	3	0	2
6	White Mambas	0	2	0	0
7	Double Double	0	4	0	0

Women's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Franzia United	3	0	0	6
2	Hooters	0	3	0	0

Men's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Deadbeat Creeps	4	0	0	8
2	Below Average Andy's	2	0	1	5
3	Bustin Bruins	2	1	0	4
4	Team X	1	1	1	3
5	Rocket Power	1	0	0	2
6	The Blazers	1	2	0	2
7	Moose and The Boys	0	0	1	1
8	OGBC	0	2	1	1
9	Bucks	0	1	0	0
9	Ta Be Determined	0	1	0	0
11	The 30's	0	3	0	0

Dodgeball West Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	Touchdown My Pants	4	0
1	69ers	4	0
3	Bucks	3	1
4	Gotta Catch'em All	2	2
4	Below Average Andy's	2	2
4	Scanlon Sloots	2	2
7	Washed Up	1	1
8	Space Monkey Mafia	1	3
9	The 30's	1	4
10	McBuckets	0	5

Dodgeball-East-Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	The Creepy Crabs	5	0
2	Moose and the Boys	3	1
2	Carpet Cleaners	3	1
4	OGBC	3	2
4	Deadbeat Creeps	3	2
6	Do Your Job	2	3
6	Back That Pass Up	2	3
8	We're Aiming For The Fat Ones	1	4
8	Double D's	1	4
10	Booze Brothers	0	5

NCAA violations need restructuring after Nacita incident

Sophomore walk-on Silas Nacita may have played his last game for the Baylor Bears after the NCAA ruled that he received improper benefits from a friend's hospitality

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

Last Wednesday, the NCAA and Baylor University confirmed that walk-on running back Silas Nacita is no longer on the team after receiving improper benefits while he was homeless. Nacita, who scored three touchdowns for the Bears last season as a backup, was an All-Academic Big 12 selection last year.

Nacita broke NCAA regulations after accepting housing and basic necessities from a friend before enrolling last summer. Regarding the incident, Nacita, reported to ESPN, "I had no idea I was breaking any rules, but I respect the decision of the NCAA."

Nacita had previously attended Cornell University, however he took online courses in 2013 after unsuccessfully trying to enroll at Baylor. During this time, he was staying at apartments of friends whils having to take classes at his local library. After enrolling in Baylor in 2014, he successfully walked onto the Baylor football team, but remained homeless. It was around this time that one of his friends offered to put him up in an apartment and help with living expenses.

This incident is further evidence that the NCAA has gotten out of hand with its strict policies. It's bad enough that Baylor did not do anything to provide basic necessities considering he was homeless, but to have the NCAA kick him off the team entirely hecause someone else merely tried to help him? How can this possibly be considered acceptable?

This is not the first time that reports of players breaking NCAA rules hy receiving basic necessities has emerged. After his time at Tennessee, Houston Texans running hack Arian Foster publically spoke out about the NCAA's strict policies. He claimed that during his time at Tennessee, on one occasion when he had run out of food, one of his coaches brought him and his teammates tacos so they could eat.

According to NCAA policy, if he had been caught at the time, he could have received a punishment similar to the one Nacita received. Shortly after this, the NCAA released a statement that allows all of its athletes to be provided with unlimited food privileges to ensure that none of their athletes go hungry.

Although ths NCAA has made strides to reduce their strict policies, there are still way too many guidelines that athletes must abide hy, most of which are unnecessary and do more harm than good. In Nacita's case, like many preceding it, the NCAA enforced their policy, but should be blamed for their inability to take care of their athletes in the first place.

Sure, it's not the NCAA's job to take care of its athletes, but it is the university's job to take care of their athletes, especially considering how much revenue they bring in. Although many athletes are ensured to receive aid for their tuition, many athletes do not receive any help with housing or other expenses. And hecause they cannot get other jobs, as it would break their amateur status and NCAA regulations by doing so, many athletes are left with little options.

At the very least, the school should be ahle to at least ensure that its athletes receive shelter, food, and proper care that cases such as Nacita's can never become an issue again, or the NCAA needs to change its rule to he able to allow its student-athletes to receive these basic necessities.

Either way, the system is broken, and it's the student-athletes who are paying the price.

Character questioned nationwide in amatuer athletics

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

Sports analysts preach that basketball huilds character; I think baskethall reveals character. High school athletics are the backhone of school spirit and instill lifelong lessons in its participant. More often than not, however, the threat of defeat compromises the initial ideals behind high school athletics.

Two Tennessee high school girl's basketball teams have heen barred from the 2015 postseason for attempting to intentionally lose in order receive favorable matchups in the state tournament. The winner would he on track to face Blackman, who are nationally ranked, in the Region 4-AAA semifinals while the loser would escape Blackman until the championship game if they were to advance.

Blackman High School, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is ranked 10th in the latest USA Today national polls, third in the MaxPreps Xcellent 25, and fourth in ths MaxPreps computer ranking. The Lady Blaze are 26-2 and have three players committed to Division-I colleges on basketball scholarships.

Senior guard Jamesha Jacks is ranked 35th overall by ESPNW.com and will play at the University of Tennessee. Junior point guard Crystal Dangerfield is ranked as the third overall junior women's basketball player and has given an oral commitment to UConn after winning Gatorade Player of the Year honors as a sophomore.

> The game's referees noted that Riverdale "missed 12-16 free throws intentionally", and that Smyrna, "wouldn't get the ball across the half-court line to get a 10-second count or to make us call an over and back violation intentionally."

Riverdale High School and Smyrna High School, who both have lost to Blackman already this season, met in the District 7-AAA consolation game. Despite the potential to play, defeat, and upset a premier women's high school basketball powerhouse, both teams attempted to lose the game in order to gain a favorable matchup.

A report from The Daily News Journal described the situation, stating that the game's referees noted that Riverdale "missed 12-16 free throws intentionally", and that Smyrna, "wouldn't get the ball across the half-court line to get a 10-second count or to make us call an over and back violation intentionally." The referee went on to say, "one time a Riverdale girl looked at one of the officials and gave the official a 3-second signal wanting him to call three seconds on her. Smyrna stood in the lane as well to have us call three seconds on them."

The refsree finally called the coaches together for a meeting after, "a Smyrna player was about to attempt a shot at the wrong basket on purpose" before she was called for a hack court violation. That was when [he] called hoth coaches together and told them [they] are not going to make a travesty or mockery of the game. The refereee made sure that shooting on opponents haskets was not going to he tolerated for the remainder of the game.

Smyra was winning with a score of 30-25 when a school administrator questioned Coach Shawn Middleton as to why his starters were on the bench. After the conversation, Smyrna's starters were reinserted into the game, sparking a 25-4 run resulting in a 55-29 final.

The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association cut Riverdale's excitement short. Both teams were subsequently removed from postseason play hased on the actions of players and coaches alike the compromised the integrity of the game. Both schools were also put on probation extending into the next school year, along with a $1,500 fine.

All too often, amateur athletics are left in ths hands of win-at-all-costs "masterminds" who search for any compstitive edge, regardless of the message being sent to the players. Sports, as an extracurricular activity, can he as equally educational as standard classes. Impressionahle students take ideals learned from their respective sports and translate them into their everyday lives, and frankly it is a shame that these students were subjected to such arrogance from a high school basketball coach.

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Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Great fortune will be reining down on that friend of yours whom you've always been secretly jealous of.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
All of your endeavors in life have become utter failures. It is time to drop of school and pursue cosmetology.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
That big goal you've been working towards will be achieved this week — if you are willing to sacrifice sleep and your social life.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars report that your week will be incredibly uneventful, Pisces.

games & leisure

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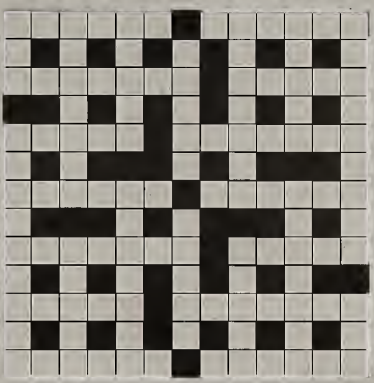

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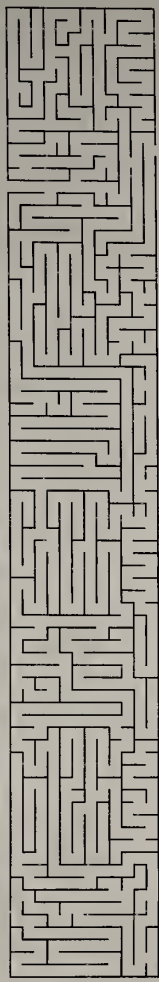

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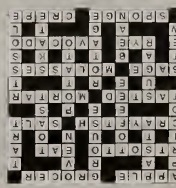

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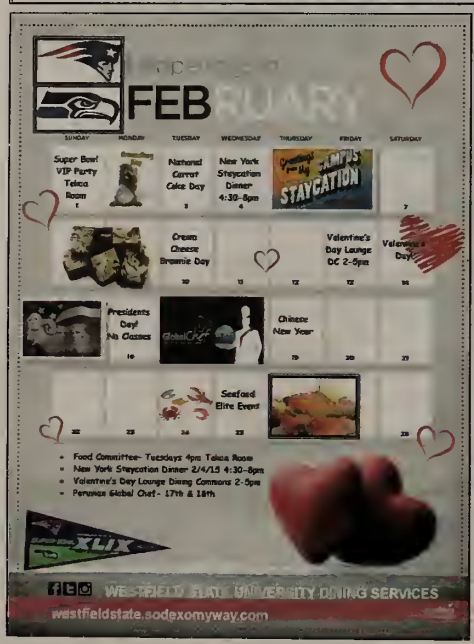

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DOBELLE SCANDAL

Evan Dobelle drops lawsuit against former trustee chair Jack Flynn and current trustees Queenin and Scheibel

Joshua Clark
Editor In Chief

The lawsuit perpetrated by former university president Evan Dobelle has come to its end.

Dobelle's lawyer Ross Garber filed a motion last week to drop his lawsuit against Westfield State University and former trustee chair Jack Flynn and current trustees Elizabeth Scheibel and Kevin Queenin. Scheibel is the current chair of the board.

The lawsuit stemmed from the scandal that plagued him as president of the university, a tenure that started in January 2008 and ended in November 2013.

The scandal broke in July 2013 when an anonymous letter was sent to the Boston Globe that detailed the financial improprieties committed by Dobelle and members of his staff including Waleska Lugo-Dejesus, executive assistant to the president, and other members of the President's Office staff, who have since left or have been reassigned to other departments within the university.

An audit was conducted by university accounting firm, O'Connor & Drew, which was completed by the end of August of that year.

The audit determined that financial policies were either too lax, or were not followed properly.

He started the year in defense mode but after a 10-hour meeting of the board of trustees in October, Dobelle was placed on administrative leave.

The lawsuit alleges that the trustees and commissioner Freeland were conspiring to fire him.

There are two other lawsuits related to the scandal. Dobelle is the defendant in a case filed by the Attorney General's office and the plaintiff in a case filed by Dobelle against Westfield State University claiming breach of contract.

Evan Dobelle has been at the center of a scandal that centers around his missue of university and foundation funds. The lawsuit that he lodged against current and former trustees was dropped, but two more related to him are still pending. As the litigation continues, Westfield State will look forward to new academic buildings and growth.

The breach of contract stems from Dobelle's belief that the university did not have the contractual authority to place him on administrative leave.

Elizabeth Preston, former vice president of academic affairs, was appointed acting president while Dobelle was put on administrative leave. She became interim president when he retired in November.

In an email to the campus community, Preston said, "As you may be aware, there have been several developments in the legal matters involving former president Dobelle this week. Until now, the process has been quietly unfolding behind the scenes, and we have been posting formal motions on the [westfield.ma.edu/moving-forward] website for those interested in following the proceedings."

Dobelle's motion to withdraw the case was followed by his counsel's attempt to dismiss themselves as his representation.

This was viewed as detrimental to his case in an email written to Judge Maurice Lindsay.

He wrote, "If a motion to withdraw is granted, there are two possible outcomes. Either my case will fail, causing substantial damages to me...or a substantial delay will be needed in order for new counsel to become familiar with the case."

The email, which was sent Feb. 24 of this year, comes one day after Garber submitted a memorandum of law in support of the counsel's request to withdraw as Dobelle's counsel.

Garber wrote in the memorandum about a difference in opinion as to how the case should proceed.

"The undersigned attorneys for the plaintiff...hereby seek leave to withdraw as counsel because a fundamental disagreement as to how to proceed in this matter has arisen between Plaintiff and counsel," wrote Garber.

According to Garber's motion to withdraw filed with the court on Feb. 23, "As a result of these disagreements, effective communication between counsel and Plaintiff has irretrievably broken down, presenting a material limitation on counsel's ability to represent the plaintiff. Additionally, Plaintiff has not fulfilled his financial obligations to Shipman & Goodwin LLP, thereby creating an unreasonable financial burden on the Firm."

Dobelle paid approximately $50,000 in fees to his attorneys "related to the incidents which give rise to this litigation," according to the email he wrote countering the motion.

In reference to the February 2014 attempt to settle the case with the trustees, Dobelle wrote, "I through counsel have requested some type of mediation in this case with the defendants but it has been refused by their counsel."

The two lawsuits still pending are proceeding in state courts with more coverage to be found in this newspaper and on westfieldvoice.com.

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Congratulations to the Westfield State Men's basketball team for winning the first MASCAC championship in program history over the weekend. Good Luch against Babson in the NCAAs!

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Mr. Westfield contestants host Bingo

The Mr. Westfield show will be held on Saturday, March 28, at the Dever Stage. 13 brave souls will battle through comedy for The Crown, The Sash, and The Glory

Mr. 2015 Dan Fullam, Mr. 2016 Justin Connolly, Mr. 2017 Andrew Manchino, Mr. 2018 Dan Veber, Mr. Apt. Complex Pat and John Bartel, Mr. Lammers Jon Cubetus, Mr. Commuter Nic Odell, Mr. Landsdowne Wayne Barnaby, Mr. Davis Miles Capriano, Mr. New Hall Nick Smarra, Mr. Dickinson Anthony Swenson, and Mr. University Hall Jeff Gruber are all competing for the same prize and need the support of the student body if they want any chance of succeeding.

Iron Man pond hockey tournament is coming to the Mullins Center at UMass on March 29

From Press Release

The Mullins Center at UMass will be hosting their first ever pond hockey style Iron Man Tournament on March 29, 2015. You must be 18 years or older to play in this tournament and will he hosted in the main arena.

Price is $65 per person, which includes a guaranteed 4 games, breakfast from 7am-12pm, lunch from 12pm-5pm, 1 roll of tape, and a prize for the winning teams.

A cash bar will be available in the Massachusetts Room for all patrons 21 and older. Registration for this event is now available by visiting www.MCAHL.com.

Comprised of four co-ed divisions, the tournament features 3 V 3 games with a max of 5 people allowed on the roster, four game guarantee, pond hockey style goals, playoff bracket based on seeding and a prize to each division champion.

This fast-paced recreational tournament will provide entertainment for players and spectators alike. With three games happening on the ice at all times, there will be action in every direction.

Local restaurants and businesses are invited to showcase their products as well.

To reserve your spot today, please contact Rachel Meyrowitz at 413-545-3373 or email rmeyrowitz@admin.umass.edu. This one-day tournament is sure to provide a unique social outing for participants, family and friends.

For information on upcoming events at the Mullins Center, please visit our website at http://www.mullinscenter.com/. Tickets for all Mullins Center events are available through Ticketmaster.com, or at the Mullins Center Box Office.

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campus news & life

Larry Johnson visits SGA to discuss sexual violence at last meeting before Spring Break

From news reports

Larry Johnson, director of non-discrimination and compliance, visited the Student Government at their Tuesday meeting to discuss new policies surrounding the unfortunate trend of sexual violence on college campuses.

Johnson emphasized that "no means no" does not cut it anymore. "Yes means yes" is being mandated by new laws that are aimed to prevent what he called the "hook-up culture."

"These new laws are targeted to end the hook-up culture," said Johnson.

Johnson took the position of director of non-discrimination and compliance in the fall. He is in charge of the implementation of the Title IX sexual misconduct and non-discrimination regulations that are now being enforced by the federal government.

A lot of the discussion dealt with consent and the consequences that a person confronts if accused of sexual misconduct.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, asked if it was possible that consent may change in the middle of a sexual act.

On top of emphasizing "yes means yes," Johnson affirmed Deleon's point and said that consent needs to be mutual and that it needs to be obtained before entering into any sort of sexual relationship with a person.

Another question was asked of Johnson in reference to people who are in relationships that have a sexual component to it.

Johnson said, "If every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday you get together and engage in a sexual act, and it's Friday and you start getting the process going, you need to make sure you get consent before proceeding."

Johnson was well-received by the senators who had asked a lot of what he called "important questions."

The session went so smoothly that at the end he asked Joshua Clark, vice president of student life and chair of the meeting at the time, "How did you know who were asking questions? I wasn't sure if there was some sort of clairvoyance."

The senators laughed. Clark jokingly responded, "I am all-knowing."

When the madame president reclaimed the podium, she reminded students about the men and women's basketball team ECAC championship games.

She announced a bus that will be travelling from Westfield State to Babson for the men's basketball game.

Seats on the bus will be offered until a time before the publication date of this newspaper.

Ally Davis took to the podium with Sue Lamontagne, dean of students, to report the results of a survey that was taken of senators regarding issues that their constituents wanted taken up by the Student Government.

Of the negative issues, food and parking were on the top of the list. Of the positive issues, campus atmosphere and personal relationships with faculty and administration were on the top of the list.

Clark took the podium to offer his report.

He announced that the snow removal survey will be open until Friday and that Room Reservation Deposits will be accepted until that day as well.

He announced that James Goncalves won the free semester of housing in the drawing that was held for those who submitted their RRD before the initial March 1 date.

Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, asked Clark a question in reference to the results that Davis and Lamontagne presented to the Senate.

"What are you as vice president of student life going to do about this?" said Cubetus.

The Senate was shocked at the question but Clark responded amicably.

"The Food Services Committee does a great job representing students on the issues highlighted here...a lot of the issues here have been brought up repeatedly in that committee," said Clark.

Regarding parking, Clark said, "There are two committees that handle parking on this campus, Parking Control and Parking Appeals. They do a fine job as well representing students...sometimes you have to make decisions that are not popular. Parking on this campus will never be a popular thing."

Kylie Nelson, representative of the class of 2015, asked about the hours of the Dining Commons and Fitness Center as well as the process by which a student could park their car on campus during Spring Break.

He answered by saying he would get back to her about the D.C. and the Fitness Center. He advised Nelson to go through Public Safety as outlined in an email sent to students.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, went through the dates for advising and registration. The dates can be found on the course offerings booklet.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, announced that the Campus Activities Board had finalized the concert for Spring Weekend. The announcement was to be made at the regular CAB meeting the next day; Joel Crouse is the opener and Ashley Monroe is the headliner.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, moved to allocate $535 to the Nursing Club. The proposal was to make about 20 blankets to give to the Samaritan Inn. It passed nearly unanimously. Members of the Nursing Club abstained due to conflict of interest.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian, moved to approve two out of the three amendments brought to the Senate floor at last week's meeting.

Palis moved Jon Cubetus' amendment barring senators from sitting on the Executive and Legislative Councils concurrently.

A comment by Joshua Clark and a motion by Matthew Carlin amended the language so the amendment to go into effect immediately. Clark viewed the original language as clumsy. Carlin's motion to amend passed unanimously. The only senator to vote no on the amendment was Clark, who did so as a joking nod to Cubetus who dinged him earlier in the meeting.

Sara Palis' amendment requiring amendments to the SGA constitution and its bylaws to be presented to the Executive and Legislative Councils five business days before presentation at an SGA meeting passed unanimously.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, announced information about the Mr. Westfield pageant and Senior Fest.

Friday, March 6 is the last day for Senior Fest packets to be sold.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, announced that the Buzz-Off for Cancer is moving ahead with contributions being made by many on campus and with solid donation drives being conducted.

Scanlon Hall president John Colombe was commended for his raising over $100 so far.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be March 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room next to Dunkin' Donuts.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

This past Sunday, the UMass Amherst Student Government Association hosted its first annual Women's Leadership Symposium. Twelve alumni and fifty students represented different departments and spoke on women's leadership. The event was entitled "Styles & Stereotypes."

daily orange
Syracuse University

A forum on the future of the infrastructure of Syracuse University was held this past Monday. The Schine Student Center and the Bird Library were the central topics of the discussion. The Campus Master Plan is expected to be completed sometime this summer. It is part of SU's Fast Forward Initiative.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard University Undergraduate Council has announced a new program in the works that would integrate Harvard IDs and CharlieCards, used by the MBTA. A trial program will give 100 students cards with $50 preloaded later this month. The program will show how often students utilize the MBTA.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

Manager of the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Laboratory Marcus Giotto was recently found guilty of sexually assaulting a 24-year old disabled woman. Giotto resigned in February, and had been on paid administrative leave until then. He could spend up to ten years in prison for the assault.

2015-2016 HOUSING SIGN-UP CHECKLIST

courtesy of the Department of Residential Life
and Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life

Westfield State University

Checklist, Tips, & Suggestions

For Successful
Housing Registration!!!

2014-2015

Important Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Information Sessions	Feb 4, 11, 18 & 25	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Dining Commons
Disability Accommodation Requests Due	February 27	4:00 PM	Banacos Center
Housing Deposit Due	March 1	11:59 PM	Online in MyHousing
Living Learning Community Applications Due	March 4	4:00 PM	Residential Life
Disability Accommodation Decisions Emailed	March 5	Noon	University Email
Living Learning Community Decisions Emailed	March 13	Noon	University Email
Living Learning Community Selection	March 17	Noon	Residential Life
Meet & Greet —All Students	March 17	7:00 PM	University Hall
Selection Day #1 for SR/JR Groups Only	March 18	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #2 for SR/JR/SO Groups Only	March 23	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #3 for SR/JR/SO/FY Groups	March 25	5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing
Selection Day #4 for Random Assignment	March 27	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Online in MyHousing

Checklist

- ☐ Log onto MyHousing located in your myWestfield account under the Campus Life tab, Mouse over the Applications tab and click on Housing Agreement 2015-2016—Current Students.
- ☐ Pay your $200 Housing Deposit.
- ☐ Check your email for a confirmation message, Mouse over the Housing Sign-Up tab and click on Roommates/ Suitemates; Search by Last Name and request your roommates.
- ☐ Confirm your Roommate Group is MATCHED; NOT MATCHED will appear next to students who have not accepted their requests. Be sure all students in your group have confirmed BEFORE your Selection Night.
- ☐ Check your e-mail the day before Selection Nights to find out your selection time.
- ☐ Have the member of your group with the earliest selection time log onto MyHousing; Mouse over Housing Sign-Up and click on Select a Room/Suite; Select a room/suite. For those available, place your group into the correct rooms and click Submit.
- ☐ Look on screen for the confirmation of your selection and check your e-mail for confirmation of your selection.
- ☐ Relax, your housing is now confirmed for 2014-2015!

Tips & Suggestions

- **Get together with your future roommates on your sign up nights and make an event out of it!**
- **Have the person with the earliest selection time ready to select for your group.**
- **Use the wired network during selection to avoid interruptions of your wireless signal.**
- **Have MULTIPLE back-up plans in case your first choice for housing does not work out. This includes multiple housing options and multiple roommate options.**

Questions?

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crime log

On Feb. 25, a drug violation occurred at 6:34 p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 26, a larceny occurred at 12:13 p.m. in the Apartment Complex. The case is being investigated.

Between Feb. 20 and 24, a larceny occurred between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. in the Dining Commons. The case is being investigated.

On Feb. 26, a suspended registration and uninsured motor vehicle were discovered at 7:32 p.m. in Commuter Lot. A citation was issued.

On Feb. 27, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:44 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 27, a liquor law violation and trespassing occurred at 11:23 p.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 27, a drug law violation occurred at 11:25 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 28, a stop sign violation, minor transporting alcohol, and operating under the influence occurred at 12:16 a.m. in Commuter Lot. An arrest was made.

On Feb. 28, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:17 a.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On Feb. 28, possession of alcohol under the age of 21 occurred at 9:10 p.m. in Lammers Hall. A summons was mailed.

On Mar. 1, a liquor law violation occurred at 2:47 a.m. in Davis Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

Agents-in-training get front row seat to federal law enforcement in trip to Washington D.C.

Westfield State students pose at U.S. Marshals Service.

From Press Release

Fifteen Westfield State University students and two faculty members traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of a short-term course "Jurisprudence and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies in a Global World" during the 2014-2015 winter break.

The curriculum focused on the federal constitution and students were given the opportunity to learn about the national and international federal law agencies, international law, and jurisdictional issues and differences.

At the end of the course, students were divided into groups and each student group was responsible for researching a particular federal law enforcement agency.

The course was led by Criminal Justice Assistant Professor Alice Perry and accompanied by chaperone Kohie Stewart.

Criminal justice and psychology major Sara Palis '16, from Lancaster, Mass., described the trip as a way for her to explore the field, and to connect what she was learning in class to real-life experiences.

One topic in particular that the students discussed during the course was terrorism.

"The discussion reinforced what I learned in my criminal justice classes and gave current, real life examples of how terrorism is impacting the federal agencies," Palis said.

What Palis found most interesting was the age progression technology used at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to help find children after being missing for years.

"It is nice to know that the technology and the age progression photos help bring families back together," said Palis.

The group traveled around Washington, D.C. including stops at the U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Marshals Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Interpol, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Spy Museum.

Students started their days early and visited roughly two agencies per day over the two-week course. In addition to the scheduled group trips during the day, students were given a free weekend to visit the Museum of Crime and Punishment, and explore D.C. on their own.

Criminal justice and psychology major Bryan White '15 from Wareham, Mass., described the course as an eye-opener into the real world surrounding the criminal justice system.

White said he enjoyed learning the ins and outs of federal jobs and how to obtain them.

"The most helpful piece of information I learned was how to get your foot into the door when looking at federal level jobs," White said. "Most times you will not be able to start working for the specific agency you want right away, so by getting a more available job you can gain some experience and get your name into the federal system."

One experience in particular that was inspiring for White was visiting the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

"Not only did we get a presentation, we also were taken to the FBI headquarters where we saw the FBI museum which provided many items and pictures of major events that have happened in the past (i.e. 9/11)," White said.

"While all the days during this trip were days I will remember, this particular day was a huge attraction given access we were given."

The students were granted access into the headquarters due to connections with an alumnus who is an agent in the FBI.

"It was amazing to go in a building that many Americans can only dream about," said Palis.

"It was also really cool to see how the FBI operates and that many other agencies work within the FBI Office."

Perry said that learning from federal agents was impressive, but she was more impressed by her students' decorum.

"The trip exceeded my expectations," Perry said.

"The students worked well together and they were so poised and professional at all the agencies.

I thought the students would be impressed by the federal agents; I turned out to be far more impressed at the professionalism of my students.

from the voice vault

Dorms Near Completion—Excuses Rendered

The new women's dormitory will be opened on December 1, 1966, according to Timothy O'Neil, Clerk of Works for the dormitory project. Mr. O'Neil cautioned that the deadline will be met only if all work continues at the present rate.

Mr. O'Neil stated that the principle reason for the delay in construction was "the lack of qualified mechanics and a number of unavoidable delays in delivery of materials."

Norman W. Grise, Administrative Assistant to President Leonard J. Savignano pointed out, "One of the reasons for the delay in construction was tradesmen's refusal to work overtime and Saturday."

However, Mr. O'Neil states, "The H.J. Madore Co., Inc. refused to pay the workers overtime."

"Another reason is that the contract penalty wich is $500 each day the dormitories are not finished, is less expensive that the cost of overtime for all workers," stated Mr. Grise.

Once the new dormitory is occupied, only a small amount of work will reamin, confined primarily to the first floor.

"The contract for the men's dormitory contains no provisions for permanent heating facilities," stated Mr. O'Neil. "The only requirement is that the company lay steam lines to the power plant. The project has been surveyed twice, but the contract has not yet been let out."

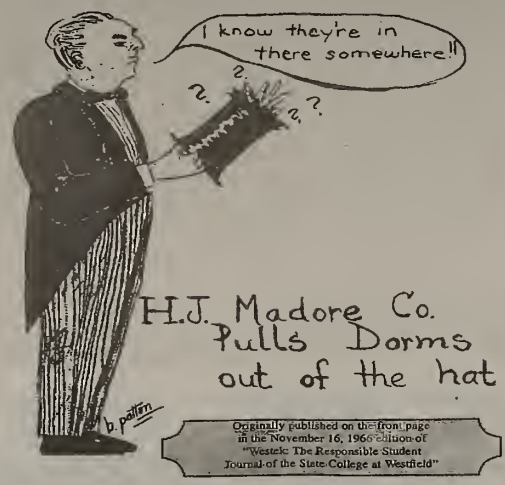
"Meanwhile, a temporary boiler has been installed outside the dormitory. The cost of teh boiler is $24,600 until December 15. After this date it will cost $2,600 a week."

"The Coomonwealth is paying for the rental of the boiler from 'emergency funds' added to Westfield's budget," said Mr. O'Neil. This was confirmed by Mr. Grise who also pointed out that these funds are provided through the Massachusetts Dormitory Authority to be administered on the local level by the college.

The present capacities of the powerplant are not enough to handle the heating situation. Therefore, no steam lines will be laid until the power plant is enlarged. The earliest possible date for such an enlargement would be next spring, according to Mr. Grise.

The temporary boiler, therefore, will reamin in use the entire winter at an estimated cost of $61, 000.

In regards to sidewalks, Mr. O'Neil hopes to have them completed by December 15. Mr. Grise stated that a tentative arrangement has been reached with the construction company to blacktop the entire area to the existing parking lot.



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Campus Spotlight

Equestrian Club Opens Year With First Place Ribbon

By TRISH ROBBINS

The Westfield State Equestrian Club captured a first place ribbon this weekend as they officially opened their fall season at the first Intercollegiate Horse Show Association show held at Mount Holyoke College Stables on Oct. 12.

Westfield State entered seven riders and five placed in their classes. In her first show, Becky Flagg, a freshman at Westfield, placed first in Class 1 Walk-Trot. Riders from Trinity College and AIC placed second and third.

In Class 2 Advanced Walk-Trot, riders from AIC, Smith and Mount Holyoke College took top honors. Sophomore Leslie Alabran placed sixth, Sophomore Dave Abbott placed as reserve rider, and Junior Trish Robbins took fifth place.

Freshman Tina Batista, Sophomore Lori McNeill, and Senior Stacey Mosetich brought in stroog showings in Class 2 Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter, with Lori McNeill placing as Reserve Rider in Class 3B.

"We did well for our first show and it was nice to have the support of our advisor Ken Magarian there, too," said Stacey Mosetich, president of the Equestrian Club.

"People have to realize that we're competing against schools that have on-campus stables and take lessons daily while we have a lesson a week and that's it," said Trish Robbins, an officer of the club.

Each ribbon is worth a designated amount of points and is credited to that rider toward the Regional Show held in April. To qualify for Regional Showing, a rider must have accumulated 28 points in the Intercollegiate Region 3 Circuit that year. First place is seven points, second is five points, third is four points, fourth is three points, fifth is worth two points, and sixth is worth one point. Also, each team is allowed to designate point riders in each class excluding Class 1. The points these riders go toward a team total and determine the first place team in each show. Westfield's Designated Point Riders were Tina Batista and Leslie Alabran for October 12.

Other colleges competing in the IHSA circuit are Yale University, Mount Holyoke College, Springfield College, AIC, Worcester State College, UMass, and Smith College among others.

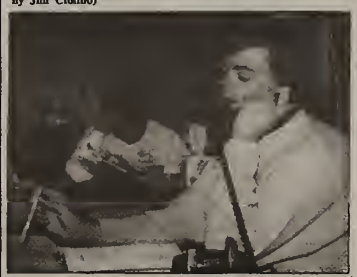
Westfield State has had an Equestrian Club for more than six years and each year its numbers have grown. They began riding at the Saddlebrook Farm and switched to the King Oak Farm three years ago. Very few people realize that this club exists and also competes intercollegiately.

Westfield State College Equestrian Club began organizing in early September and attracted 54 students to its first meeting. The club was then split into intermediate/advanced riders and beginners who all take weekly English hunt seat lessons. The lessons are held at the King Oak Farm in Southampton under the direction of Fran Cross who has been described as a "fantastic trainer" by many of the club members, including the beginners. Students are not required to show but many are already considering the possibility in the near future. Riders not only share experiences and knowledge, but also share equipment at the shows.

Westfield has four more shows this semester. On Oct. 18 they will be competing at the University of Connecticut, and there is the possibility of another show in Worcester on Oct. 25. They will wrap up their fall season with shows on Nov. 15 at Post College and Nov. 23 at Smith College. Spectators are welcome and Westfield could use the support of their college at the next show.

Changes on Campus

A new parking lot was built on the site of the old skating rink. (Photo by Jim Ciolino)



Student senate offices were moved adjacent to the new senate room in the Ely basement.

opinions & editorials

PASSPORT TO POLITICS

Clinton's use of personal email raises flags

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The most interesting piece of news to come out this week has to do with Hillary Rodham Clinton's use of a private email account while secretary of state.

Not only has this drawn the ire of conservatives, hut also liberals who viewed Clinton as the presumptive Democratic nominee for president of the United States in 2016.

The basic facts of the controversy center around the fact that Clinton used a private email to conduct all of her husiness while she was at the State Department – a clear and distinct violation of puhlic record laws.

An intriguing piece of evidence in this whole thing is the registration of the domain "clintonemail.com" on the day that the hearings that would confirm her appointment to the cahinet-level position started.

I certainly question her use of private email. The fact that she was not even issued a State Department email address hrings a whole other level of scrutiny into this issue.

Why would the State Department not even make an attempt to give her an email address as simple as "hclinton@state.us?" I do not even know if that is the way State Department email addresses are phrased, but still, the point remains.

In my role as editor-in-chief of the newspaper and vice president of student life of the Student Government, I live with the requirements of public record email.

Never would I conduct official newspaper or SGA business with my Gmail account.

In the last year, we have seen the perils of using personal email for official business on this campus; it was part of the Dohelle scandal.

The reason why public records laws exist is primarily for transparency purposes. Clinton is not the most transparent figure in public life.

Former secretary of state Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Conservatives and anti-Clintonites, as a reason to oppose her in 2016, perpetrate this viewpoint, hut it is not without merit.

This email scandal is the latest in a myriad of other issues that call to question Clinton's ability to he transparent and open with voters.

The Benghazi scandal, while less on Clinton than it is on the upper-level staff of the State Department, and the recent Clinton Foundation donation scandal are examples of Clinton's refusal to acknowledge her transgressions.

It is certainly within reason to expect Clinton to deny wrongdoing in this email scandal.

Why should she? She turned over 55,000 pages of emails that have heen processed through the "clintonemail.com" domain name.

But the questions always linger: What emails did she not turn over? Who determined what would be and would not he turned over?

This will he a scandal to watch, especially as 2016 heats up.

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Clinton embroiled in controversy ahead of 2016

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

So it looks like the former secretary of state Hillary Clinton has come back into the public again, and not for a good reason! Clinton, who is reported to be busy with her decision for a run in 2016, now is coming under fire for apparently using a private email during her tenure in the State Department. This has caused some Democrats to become a bit uneasy over the controversy and then scared when her foundation's fundraising practices were called out.

Let us start out with the recent allegations that Clinton received donations from foreign governments when she was preparing to run for president. While not necessarily illegal, it does cause concern as a nonpartisan issue, where both Democrats and Republicans alike are a bit disappointed in the news.

This week, Clinton was also reported to have been using her personal email in her tenure in the State Department. Now, we should clear the air and say that her email practice was illegal at the time – after her resignation President Obama has coincidentally made it policy to force documentation of all communication both public and private. The trouble was elevated when the Benghazi investigators had subpoenaed more communication transcripts regarding the affair from both Clinton and the State Department. Right now, the private server for which Clinton used has not been identified nor has its security been verified as adequate.

This is not the first time a member of the Obama administration was chastised for tbeir use of a Blackberry – the device that Clinton is so fond of using. President Obama himself, upon taking the oath of office, had his Blackberry taken from him for the security risk it posed. Why Hillary was allowed to use hers is beyond me.

Both the Associated Press and the Wall Street Journal have confirmed that Clinton used a private computer network registered in her home address in New York. This is reported to being highly unusual for such a high-ranking official, especially one who is privy to sensitive information.

Of course the State Department stated that there was no "indication that she [Clinton] sent classified information by email." Even then, there is a question about how adequate her records were and if they are actually accessible by the Freedom of Information Act.

For me, the question is already answered: any official correspondence from Hillary as secretary of state is public record and subject to the law. Her rights to privacy regarding her email are unimportant compared to the rights of the nation regarding the information it contains. Obviously I do not care about her emails to her friends or good ole' Bill, but when the signature is "Secretary of State" the country has every right to a copy of that email.

I believe the biggest concern for Clinton now is conducting damage control. She had a chance earlier this week during a press conference but made no comment on the matters. As of right now, Democrats are seriously considering challenging her in the 2016 primary, which, up until now, she was the clear candidate.

It seems to me that her position in the primaries is giving her delusions of grandeur, and she may not feel compelled to discuss the matter.

That being said, I believe both sides of the aisle are curious as to whether or not she plans to keep this "husb-hush" forever, or whether she sees this as an issue during her potential presidential run.

As for us, all we can do is sit back and wait and see what unfolds. I mean it would not be such a bad thing if the GOP's biggest competitor is knocked down a few pegs right?

AMERICAN IDIOT

Three countries in four days - Weeks 4 & 5

Nicholas Sarnelli
Head Copy Editor

PHOTO FROM NICK SARNELLI

Well, I suppose I've sort of fallen behind, haven't I?

I give you my sincerest apologies.

Over the past couple of weeks the squad has done quite a bit, arguably more than "students" sbould, in the span of two weeks.

Arguably.

From Feb. 5 to Feb. 9 we were in England, attempting (emphasis on attempting) to get the full experience in four days. From Feb. 5 to the Feb. 7, we stayed with Nat and Tals's (and now my) friend Lauren. Luckily for us, Lauren has a meal plan, which definitely helps when you're balling on a budget and your loan hasn't yet been disbursed. For those of you who may not know, London is ridiculously expensive. It's incredible of course, but certainly pricey. The first night there, we didn't do anything that was excessively touristic (which is surprising for such American Idiots). Instead we went to a club.

Well, I guess it was a sort of club. It was a Tiki-bar type of thing, and on this specific night, girls didn't have to pay to get in or to get drinks. You're probably thinking, 'How did that help you?' but you see, all my friends are girls, mostly. I was expecting to pay upon entry, but for some reason that was overlooked. I don't know how and I don't know why, but I was fine with saving 15 pounds (pounds are ridiculous by the way). Maybe the bouncer thought I looked intimidating (very unlikely). He probably thougbt that I wouldn't deprive the other men from going after the vulnerable women that flooded into the club for their free, barely-alcoholic drinks (much more likely). Either way, cool. It pays to be a stud. [Hair flip] Once inside, to get their free drinks, the girls need only to walk up to the bartender and say the following: "Hi, I'm honey. Can I have a drink?" I gave it a shot. No dice.

The Tiki-bar was really cool, though. The music was upbeat and the tbemed atmosphere was quite fun. The drinks would have been incredibly expensive if it weren't for my lovely lady friends, and the crowd did seem to be on the wealthier end. It might not have been exactly my scene, but it was free and with friends and that's what's important, right?

We crammed our tourist ambitions into the following day, Feb. 6. Just in that day we went to Hyde Park wbere we visited Kensington Gardens and Kensington Palace (where Will, Kate, and Harry live). Both were beautiful, of course. Next we headed to Westminster Abbey where we gazed upon Big Ben and nearly died because of aggressive taxis and double-deckers (all in good fun of course). Big Ben was something I've always wanted to see, and it proved to be just as beautiful as I expected. Anyone who has ever been in my bedroom knows I have a weird likeness for clocks. I can't really explain it, but you can imagine my captivation with the giant clock tower. I tried to internalize most of it. I'm not sure if it was obvious or not. Next we took the tube to Covent Gardens because, as we do on most trips, we had starved ourselves to the point of exhaustion.

The following day the squad split up for the first time. Yeah, that was weird. Natalie went to visit a friend in Oxford and Bath while Tals and I went to visit her family friends in Canterbury.

While I can't exactly speak on behalf of Nat's experience, I can absolutely emphasize how beautiful, relaxing, and all-around pleasant Canterbury was/is. It may have been that I was exhausted from all the walking we did in London, but Canterbury was almost the opposite of that city in the best way.

Both nights we were there, we ate extremely well, thanks to Chris and Kate. I also drank very well, thanks to Chris, and learned that I can really consume any type of drink and enjoy it. Chris and Kate and their daughters were all very, very welcoming: Tals and I each had our own rooms, and warm, comfortable beds. Thanks to them, I feel as though I had a true taste of England (literally) and I could not be more grateful.

My favorite part of the trip, other than simply hanging out with the Lewns's, was visiting Canterbury Cathedral. For anyone who hasn't seen it, the cathedral is absolutely gargantuan. There is loads of history I could attempt to get into, but I'm no historian, so I'll let you do independent research if you so choose.

Feb. 9 came very quickly and it was time for us to return to home, so Tals and I somehow navigated the train to London, the train from London to Gatwick, and the airport without Natalie to lead the way and/or ask for directions. We made it. Somehow.

We arrived in Galway later that evening and were each quite happy to be back after a long day of planes, trains, and busses. We were only back in Galway for two nights, but naturally we headed to the Front Door for one of them. I think that night in between England and Amsterdam might have been one of the best for me.

I digress. We departed for Amsterdam on Feb. 12 and spent three nights there with Lauren, who met up with us from London. The city was absolutely beautiful and is definitely a must see for anyone who chooses to study abroad.

For anyone who is unaware, Amsterdam is also known as the City of Freedom. It is founded on the bases of religious freedom. A few hundred years ago the city became a sort of sanctuary for different practicing religions because there was a policy of tolerance in Amsterdam.

One thing everyone should know about Amsterdam is that it's somewhat dangerous. I don't mean in the sense of kidnapping and whatnot (though I'm sure that's a risk) but in the sense of bicycles.

Oh my goodness. The amount of cyclists that nearly flattened me was concerning. You might be thinking, "How could a bicycle 'flatten' you?" Well, if you've never seen a Dutch person, they are absolutely massive in stature. I was told it has everything to do with their diet, which is high in dairy and protein.

Anyway, in the city they have lanes for bikes on every street. There are far more bikes than cars – about one million according to Wikipedia – but about 25,000 of them end up in canals each year.

Perhaps the only thing about the city that I didn't particularly like was the Red Light District. While I know prostitution is considered an actual job in The Netherlands, and that the girls in the District pay taxes and all that, I felt an overwhelming feeling of sadness in passing them trying to sell themselves in the window. It was almost like a zoo for humans, and I don't even like zoos for animals. Part of me was thinking "smash the windows and set them free," but logically I thougbt perhaps they didn't have another choice or perhaps this was something they chose for themselves. Either way, I was not a fan.

Other than that, I really loved Amsterdam. The canals and bridges are a sight that everyone should behold. Also, I am a newfound Heineken enthusiast, so the Heineken Experience was both interesting and a lot of fun. Our taste buds also took us to a cheese museum, where we (especially Natalie) tried handfuls of probably every cheese in the building. We're absolute savages when it comes to good food. Also, we visited the museum on Valentine's day, and what better way to show yourself how much you love yourself than eating your way through an old, pretty city, am I right?

Our brief hiatus to the City of Freedom ended abruptly at 5 a.m. on the 15th as we left the twelve-person hostel dorm and went on our way.

We returned to Galway: to our own beds, our own rooms, and our people. When we left Amsterdam, we said we were going home. It's crazy to think about how quickly and easily this place has become home. When people told me I was going to fall in love with Galway, I didn't know they meant like this. The idea of ever leaving becomes more and more troubling as the days progress, but I try to push it out of my mind with a bit of craic.

In the past month and a half that I've been here, one thing is absolutely certain: Ireland has my heart, and I'm coming back.

from the editors' desks

In regards to last week's editorial on snow removal...

As it appears, there was some controversy surrounding last week's editorial in this newspaper.

While we never make any deliberate attempts to anger our readers, sometimes it happens.

The main debate surrounding last week's editorial was the job that the Facilities and Operations crew does regarding snow removal.

It has been, and always will be, the stance of this newspaper that the maintainers and support staff on this campus orchestrate a massive and often challenging task that ranges from mopping floors of our classrooms to clearing snow from our sidewalks and roadways.

The job will always be hard because it never gets easier.

From time to time, editorials in this newspaper are written to incite a bigger discussion about the status of issues on this campus.

Last year, a majority of that conversation discussed the scandal surrounding former president, Evan Dobelle.

This year, as the scandal winds down, there are still things that can be discussed in our pages that cause a good kind of controversy.

The main point is this: snow removal on this campus has not been as good or as efficient as we as students would like it to be.

But this discussion does not come from the seventeen editors of this newspaper, but rather from the cries and whispers of our fellow students in our classes, in the Dining Commons, in line at Subway, or on Yik Yak.

This newspaper has a responsibility—a duty—to represent the concerns of the student body, whatever they are.

We cannot roll over and skip a topic because it may be controversial; that behavior would be unethical and would not be good journalism.

We are quite happy that we heard so much debate about the editorial after its publication, because (at the risk of sounding self-deprecating) it means that people are reading the newspaper and that we are writing meaningful content that makes people think.

We encourage people to not take our editorial last week about snow removal as an affront to Facilities and Operations because, at the end of the day, they are doing the best job they can do with the resources that they have.

Just know that there are dissatisfied students who wish for a better system.

And like we said at the end of last week's editorial: We look forward to the results of the SGA's snow removal survey.

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Oranges: a healthy and refreshing snack

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Oranges also have the "good carbohydrates," and, like most other fruits, have simple sugars. They have a glycemic index of 40 (anything under 55 is considered low). As long as you don't eat a lot of oranges at one time, your blood sugar levels will not spike and cause additional issues such as weight gain and insulin problems.

The American Heart Association says that eating larger quantities of a compound found in citrus fruits, like oranges, can lower the risk of ischemic stroke in women. Oranges are also good for maintaining low blood pressure. The high potassium levels are helpful because of the vasodilation effects.

The skin can also benefit from eating oranges. Vitamin C has high levels of antioxidants and can help fight skin damage caused by pollution and the sun. It can also reduce the appearance of wrinkles and improve the overall texture of the skin.

Vitamin C plays a crucial role in the formation of collagen. Collagen is the support system of the skin, and that is why it is important to eat plenty of Vitamin C in order to maintain healthy collagen levels.

Oranges are also good for maintaining low blood glucose levels. People with type 2 diabetes may benefit from eating oranges because oranges can help assist in lowering blood sugar, lipids and insulin levels.

A good time to buy oranges is in the winter. It can be hard to find good fruits and vegetables in the winter. However, for oranges and other citrus fruits, winter is the peak season.

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Some other interesting facts about oranges are that they are the largest citrus crop in the world. Also, 70 percent of the oranges grown in the United States come from Florida, and out of that 70 percent, 90 percent of them go towards making juice. Oranges are the world's third favorite flavor next to chocolate and vanilla.

Although oranges have a multitude of health benefits, they also can have large amounts of insecticides. It is important to thoroughly wash them in cold water before eating them.

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gail's guidance

Dear Gail,
My boyfriend and I have been together for almost two years. Things are usually great but lately, he seems to get mad when I'm around too much especially if his friends are around. So, I started spending more time with my friends but now he seems to get unreasonably jealous when I have fun without him. Any ideas about what I should do?

Sincerely,

What Does He Want?

Yo What Does He Want,

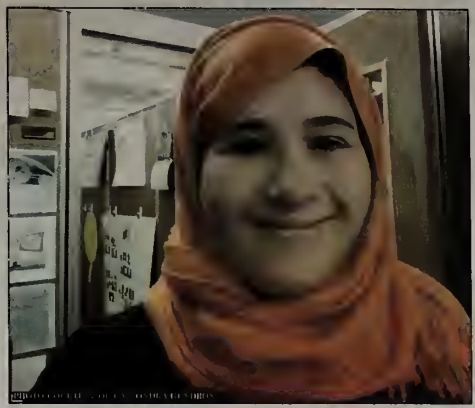
Ya girl Gail knows what's up. You tell that boy that you will do you and he will do him. If he doesn't want you around all the time, then he can't be mad at you for having fun with your friends. You think he expects you to have a boring life when he ain't around? Nah, girl. Set him straight and if he has a problem, send him to third floor of Ely and ask for Gail.

Yours Truly,

Ya Girl Gail

GUEST VIEWPOINT

Professor Cassondra Gendron participates in "Hijab 4 A Day" put on by WSU Muslim Student Organization



A hijab is a veil that covers the head and chest, which is particularly worn by some Muslim women beyond the age of puberty. It is a sign of modesty for Muslim women promoting equality.

Cassondra Gendron
Voice Contributor

Today I wore a hijab to school. I don't know if it was an eye opening experience, hut it was definitely an experience. The purpose of the hijab is to remove woman's sexuality to lift her up and be equal to the men or at least that's what the card that I was given said.

Personally I always thought the hijab was a sign of oppression, for women who choose to wear it is not the case. In fact the reasons that were listed on the card I was given are in direct conflict with my opinions on sexuality and womanhood. Just a few days ago, Leonard Nimoy died. Leonard Nimoy was more than just Spock on Star Trek.

He was an accomplished photographer. He had a series called the full hody project in which he photographed plus size women in the nude. Moments after his death was announced on social media outlets, I saw an article about this project. The thumhnail was of one of the images, and this image contained several plus size women, nude, and uncensored.

Despite the thumhnail and the article heing in violation of Facehook's nudity policy; I shared it anyway. This caused one hell of a stir on my Facebook and in fact the article was reported several times. I wrote to Facebook and disputed the flags and won. The arguments that this article caused is not the point of this essay but I feel it necessary to share why I left the article up. In this country women are too over sexualized and all too often anybody that does not fit the perfect image is shamed.

I left that article up because all hodies are beautiful and all women are beautiful. This was my own little bit of civil disobedience. I think this anecdote about this article truly embodies my feelings on morality and body shaming. Nudity, our hodies, whatever size, shouldn't be sexualized in every last context, and should be celebrated.

I don't think I need to cover myself to be equal. I don't think I need to cover myself to let my intellect shine; my brain does well enough on its own. However I think choosing to wear a hijah as a sign of your faith, your community and your culture is a very hrave thing to do. No I'm not saying I'm brave. I'm definitely hrazen, but not brave. I only had to wear the hijab for 24 hours and I had the option to take it off whenever and wherever I wanted.

In fact, Tuesday morning when I was getting ready after trying 8 times to fasten the hijab correctly, I almost said screw it and didn't wear it. I then decided I wasn't being very fair. If I was Muslim, if I lived in the Middle East, I would not have that option. So I sucked it up, grahhed a different scarf and wrapped my head. I was late to my doctor's appointment, but that was okay because I felt that I needed to keep my word and I needed to wear the hijab in public without shame; because there is nothing shameful about wearing a hijab. There is nothing shameful about being Muslim. And there is nothing shameful about choosing to be moral, whatever that may mean for you.

When I got to school, I was faced with a few questions, some I could answer and some I could not. The ones I could not answer I dare not try and make up an answer, I merely said I don't know let's look it up. In fact I was even thanked a couple of times. I was uncomfortable receiving the thanks. I didn't think I was really going out of my way wearing a scarf on my head. But then again if I was not white and this was my every day, I would probably be stared at and harassed because I am different.

Perhaps the most surprising interaction that I had while wearing the hijab was with another professor, who was unsatisfied when she asked why and I responded "because I am standing in solidarity with Muslim women." She immediately started ranting and raving about white Christian women and how they were persecuted and are still being persecuted, and then asked me if it was her fault because she was white and Christian. She was having one hell of a time getting over her privilege. I tried to do my best to turn it into a learning moment a teaching moment but she couldn't see past own nose. Some of the things out of her mouth we're racist and disheartening.

Sadly I saw a past version of myself in her ranting and raving. There was a time when I thought saying there shouldn't be any race or we shouldn't worry about race was actually helping. There was a time where I said I was color hlind and I thought that I was helping. There have been times when I have been asked to check my privilege and I fought back, hard. It is taking me a long time to actually realize my privilege. It has taken me a long time to realize I used to be wrong. I'm sure that I'm still not there yet, hut I am trying.

Some really good things have come from that day. It opened up some channels of good conversation on my Facebook about Muslim culture and appropriation. A friend of mine posted an article about a woman who is wearing a hijab for lent. The article then went on to talk about how she was going to use makeup to darken her skin. I thought that the posting of this article was a passive aggressive retort to me wearing the hijab.

I called her on it and she said she was unaware that I had worn a hijab to work that day. She then told me that what I was doing was appropriation. After long discussions with my friends on the Internet I can see where she's coming from, but I do not think this project falls under it. The article she posted absolutely does. Appropriation is when you do something and it degrades the culture and cheapens the culture; like wearing a native head dress for fashion. A project that seeks to bring understanding and awareness is not appropriation.

However I also see that this kind of project can only carry the discussion so far. This is the attention grabbing step, and it can't stop here.

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4. Sugar - Maroon 5
5. Take Me To Church - Hozier
6. FourFiveSeconds - Rihanna, Kanye West, & Paul McCartney
7. Blank Space - Taylor Swift
8. Style - Taylor Swift
9. Earned It - The Weeknd
10. Lips Are Movin - Meghan Trainor

top 10 albums

1. Smoke & Mirrors - Imagine Dragons
2. If You're Reading This It's Too Late - Drake
3. Fifty Shades of Grey Soundtrack
4. 1989 - Taylor Swift
5. X - Ed Sheeran
6. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
7. V- Maroon 5
8. Title - Meghan Trainor
9. The Pinkprint - Nicki Minaj
10. Hozier - Hozier

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1. Focus
2. Kingsman: The Secret Service
3. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water
4. Fifty Shades of Grey
5. The Lazarus Effect
6. McFarland, USA
7. American Sniper
8. The DUFF
9. Still Alice
10. Hot Tub Time Machine 2

upcoming releases

1. Cinderella
2. Run All Night
3. It Follows
4. Seymour: An Introduction
5. Insurgent
6. The Gunman
7. Do You Believe?
8. Kumiko, The Treasure Hunter
9. Danny Collins
10. Spring

A LOOK INTO CARLIN'S MIND

"Smoke and Mirrors" gives us a different look on Imagine Dragons

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

After three years of waiting, Imagine Dragons has finally released its second studio album, *Smoke + Mirrors*. The album itself has met a lot of success hitting the markets just this year. Despite an overall approval rating of the album, Smoke and Mirrors is just a bit weird for me.

Maybe it is because I do not like to let things go, or maybe it is because I really love their first album, but overall I was a bit disappointed by a majority of the tracks on this album.

The album starts off with one of their most successful singles of the album, "Shots," which is musically similar to some of their tracks on Night Visions. The chorus is catchy, and the bass line has a great beat to it. Then the band throws us something we have not heard from them in "Gold."

Now, to be honest, I really did not like the track. I feel as though the track itself showcased a much darker and synthetic feeling than their usual songs, and it really just threw me off.

The chanting quality of the chorus made me feel like I was in some sort of cult, and the instrumentals had a techno feel to them. However, we get to songs like "I'm So Sorry" which just takes me back to a rock-like feel. It is like a combination of classical guitar riffs with a beat similar to bands like the current Fall Out Boy.

Yet again we see the usual sound in "I Bet My Life" with upbeat instrumental verses and the group chorus. The last standout I will mention – though I could comment on every individual track – is "Dream." It is a completely different style of music that we have not seen from Dan Reynolds (the lead).

He uses a great vocal range to add passion to the song while the band provides a wonderful blend of playful notes. They play wave after wave of alternating bass drums and what can only be described as "clapping."

Now, after so many movie tracks like "Battle Cry" and "Ready Aim Fire," it is only reasonable that

Imagine Dragons decided to send out this "test" to the fans. I believe they feared their image would be pigeonholed into a "movie track band," and they wanted to see if/how they could break away.

I personally hope they stay in line with their original styles from Night Vision but also incorporate the new styles in "I'm So Sorry" and "Dreams."

The combination of their pop style and new rock style would make their third album perfect. Maybe I am getting ahead of myself, so let me just put the rating there —Imagine Dragons' *Smoke + Mirrors* gets a 4/5 in my mind!

Spring Weekend performances set, Country chosen in consecutive years

Monique Desnoyers
Head Copy Editor

Despite the fact that snow is still covering the campus, spring is fast approaching, and along with spring comes Spring Weekend taking place on the weekend of April 24.

Spring weekend is an annual campus occasion consisting of concerts, food, vendors, and comedic entertainment. Students look forward to relaxing with friends and going to the events put together by the Campus Activities Board.

In addition to delicious foods like ice cream and fried dough, there will also be unique entertainment including but not limited to Euro Bungee jumping, ledge jumping, and tie-dye.

Students will have the opportunity to create caricatures of themselves and friends as well as volunteering for henna tattoos.Of course the biggest buzz surrounding Spring Weekend choice for the most notable event of the weekend – the concert.

In the fall, a survey was taken asking students which genre they would like to see represented for the concert. 770 first years attending orientation and returning students participated in taking the survey. The most popular genre was hip-hop/rap/R&B with 35 percent of the votes followed by country with 29 percent of the votes.

After receiving this information, the Campus Activities Board sought out artists and T-Pain became a possible option. Unfortunately, the Campus Activities Board was informed of a scheduling conflict between Spring Weekend and another show that forced a move to "plan b".

Due to limited availability of R&B artists, the Campus Activities Board decided to look into booking a country artist (since country was the second most popular genre in the survey).After searching for available country artists, the Campus Activities Board decided on booking local, Joel Crouse, and Ashley Monroe.

Due to press time, specific comments on the students' reaction to the concert choice could not be gathered, but the general mood displayed so far has been one of frustration due to the concert choice.

Either way Spring Weekend should be a great way to relax and take a break from school as well as spend time with friends – even if there is still some snow on the ground in April.

KNOWING TO COOK

An inside glimpse into Italian food culture

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

Food columnist Ryan Cashman is currently studying abroad in Florence, Italy. Italian food is more of an art than anything else and being able to experience it has given him new perspectives on cooking in the kitchen.

I can now say without any doubt that all of my predilections and ramblings about Italian food have been, for the most part, accurate. Yet, now that I am experiencing all of the traditions and processes that go into making Italy one of the food culture capitals of the world, I am beginning to fully appreciate all of the hard work and passion that goes into creating food in this country as well as notice new traits in the food.

I have been in Florence for one month and continue to discover new and wonderful places daily: small trattorias tucked into the corners of long, skinny streets; unimposing gelaterias sitting quietly beneath the shadow of Brunelleschi's dome; tiny cafés quietly serving minuscule cups of strong coffee for one euro a piece; and elegant ristorantes serving four-course meals well into the late hours of the night.

Walking and eating my way through this city has taught me many things, the first of which is that I will most likely be acquiring a new pair of walking shoes at some point. Second, I have learned that there is no complacency in this city or country as far as food is concerned.

The same amount of passion and care is put into every dish, and I have yet to be served a terrible meal (knock on wood).

The greatest example of this was shown to me in the region of Emilia-Romagna on a field trip to Parma and Modena. The fieldtrip was mandatory for the food class I am taking, and we set out for the region north of Tuscany at 5:30 a.m. The purpose of this field trip was to sample three different products and understand the process involved in making them.

The three products were: Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, balsamic vinegar, and prosciutto di Parma. Each product goes through specific and precise steps during the stages of production.

There are so many steps taken in creating each of these products that I could easily fill up the entire newspaper with them; therefore, I will not go into all of the details, but I will tell you that each artisan stressed the importance of getting each step exactly correct. For example, during the process of making Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, an inspection is conducted to see if the cheese meets all of the qualifications to become Parmigiano-Reggiano.

If one step in the process is skipped or done incorrectly, the flaw will become evident in the inspection, and the cheese will fail to be branded as authentic. This puts the artisan's reputation and welfare at risk, as well as the reputation of the product.

While there are specific and conservative rules that need to be followed in the process, passion and care is always present and makes the rules easier to follow. Seeing the attention that these artisans give to their products was inspiring, and it really made me think about the danger present in artisans who start viewing their work and success as anything other than magical.

The culture of Italian food would crumble.

The love and passion Italians have for their food is blatantly obvious in their day-to-day lives. I do not know of many other countries where the length of lunch breaks is so liberal.

I was sitting in a small trattoria one afternoon after a long walk and was waiting for my meal to come out of the kitchen when I noticed an old man sitting at a corner table crouched over a plate of pasta.

I took note of how slowly and methodically he was eating his meal, as if each bite was like biting into the greatest meal he had ever eaten. I, out of habit, quickly ate my meal and immediately regretted devouring it so quickly. I felt as though I had missed something important.

The old man was barely finished with his pasta by the time I had paid and left. I thought about the old man as I walked back to my apartment. After a few blocks I realized why he had been eating so slowly. Every meal here is important. This idea goes back to the days when the majority of Italians lived in poverty and survived off very little. Today, now that food is readily available and fewer citizens are living in poverty, time is taken to enjoy and remember the importance of the meal. This is a mindset I believe America should adopt, but our culture is much too fast to allow a two-hour lunch.

My adventure is only just beginning and I am looking forward to discovering new foods, new places, and new traditions to share with family, friends, and you readers. Thank you for reading this update.

As always: Buona Tavola and Mangiare Bene!

owls athletics

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Host Owls win MASCAC tournament against Bridgewater State

Westfield State has won the MASCAC tournament for the first time in program history. They secured the automatic bid into the NCAA tournament and will make their third appearance in the big dance on Friday night at Babson.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owls defeated the Bridgewater State Bears 78-69 in the MASCAC Championship Game last Saturday. The Owls, who stood at an astonishing 20-6, defeated the Bears at home for their 15th win in the last 16 games.

Going into the MASCAC Tournament, the Owls were the number one seed after finishing with the best conference record, which also allowed them a bye in the first round.

In the semifinal game, they took on Salem State, and glided by them in an impressive 96-75 victory. In the high scoring affair, five senior starters all scored in double digits. However, the Owls faced a much greater challenge against the Bears, who finished 10-2 in the MASCAC Conference and 18-8 overall.

In the first half, Grant Cooper led the way with 12 points and nine rebounds. MASCAC Player of the Year Michael Lofton was just as productive for the Bears in the first half, putting up 10 points and six rebounds.

After a layup by Lofton with 11:42 to go in the half, the score was tied at 15 apiece.

From that point on, Westfield would not look back for the rest of the game, and they went on a 14-5 run to help put them up 39-30 at the half.

In the second half, Westfield maintained the lead confidently, leading by as many as 18 over the Bears. Bridgewater was not put away for good, though.

In the last three minutes, the Bears chipped away at the lead in a last desperation move, shortening the Owl's lead from 15 to seven with 40 seconds left.

However, the Bears were unable to keep the rally going as the Owls made a layup to grow their lead to nine.

Bridgewater squandered their chance to come back after missing two costly free throws and missing the two ensuing shot attempts. Lofton was able to get the Owl's lead back down to seven with a jump shot, but with 18 seconds left, it was too late.

Andre King would make two free throws for Westfield before Dan Tessier added one final dunk, putting the exclamation mark on a successful season and clinching an NCAA Tournament berth for Westfield.

Grant Cooper was the Tournament MVP after scoring 22 points and grabbing 14 rebounds, however it was Michael Lofton who led all scorers with 33 points for the Bears. Andre King was also productive for the Owls, earning himself 19 points on the night.

With the win, Westfield will enter the NCAA Tournament on Friday night playing Bahson. The Owls face tough competition among the six other teams in the region, which include Scranton, Johns Hopkins, Keene State and Wesleyan.

The game begins at 7:30 p.m. at Babson, who will be hosting the region's games.

Delisle wins pole vault title

WSU Athletic Department

Zack Delisle cleared 4.50m (14'-09.00") in the pole vault, capturing the New England Division III title and leading Westfield State University's effort at the men's New England Division III indoor track championships at Springfield College on Saturday.

While Delisle was the top point scorer for the Owls, Westfield got solid performances from a number of student-athletes, including freshman Dereck Stone who placed sixth in the triple jump at 44'-05.50" and eighth in the long jump 21'-02.75"

John Tomlin placed eighth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.09, with Kyle Sullivan seventh in the 600 meters in 1:24.54 .

Those two paired with Matt Moussamih and Mike Stender in the 4 x 400 to post a third-place finish in 3:25.75.

The foursome of Tevin Cintron, Nick Grondin, Steve Connolly, and Mike Skelly took eighth place in the 4 x 800 relay in 8:03.38 .

MIT won the 26 team meet with 129 points, followed by Bates, Williams, Southern Maine and Bridgewater State. Westfield finished 10th with 24 points.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, February 26
M/W BBall MASCAC Semifinals W 96-75/W 79-65
Friday, February 27th
M/W Track at All New England Championships
Saturday, February 28th
M/W Track at All New England Championships
M/W BBall MASCAC Championships W 78-69/L 57-60
M Ice Hockey MASCAC Quarterfinals W 6-3
Tuesday, March 3rd
W Lax at WNEU 4:00 p.m.
M Ice Hockey Semifinals L 0-3

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, March 5th
W Lax vs Mt. Holyoke 5:30 p.m.
Friday, March 6th
M/W Track at ECAC D-III Championships
Saturday, March 7th
M/W Track at ECAC D-III Championships
Baseball vs Dickinson College 3:00 p.m. (Florida)
Sunday, March 8th
Softball vs The Sage Colleges 9:00 a.m.
Softball vs Richard Stockton 1:00 p.m. (Florida)
Baseball vs New England College 4:00 p.m.

Palma Leads Owls at All New England Track Championships

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State's Naloti Palma placed third in the shot put and sixth in the weight throw to lead Westfield State's performances at the All-New England Track and Field Championships at Boston University on Saturday.

Palma put the shot 13.31 meters (43'-8") and threw the weight 16.31 meters (53'-6.25") while competing against athletes from Division I, II and III institutions.

Westfield State also had three performances in the top 10 on the men's side of the meet.

Travon Godette placed 10th in the high jump at 1.94m (6'-4.25"), Kyle Sullivan took 10th in the 500 meters in a time of 1:05.81, and the 4x400 relay team of Sullivan, John Tomlin, Matt Moussamih, and Mike Stender also placed 10th with a time of 3:19.16.

The Westfield State women placed 21st at the meet. The Westfield State men did not factor in the team scoring.

Owls Icemen finish season with shutout loss to Plymouth

PHOTO THOMAS P. ANTIL, JR./FILE

Senior goaltender Ian Perrier clocked over 1000 minutes played this season and recorded 700 saves with a save percentage of .907. His .545 win percentage led Westfield to the semifinals of the MASCAC tournament.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

Last Saturday, the fourth-seeded Westfield State Owls were set to take on the fifth-seeded Worcester State Lancers in a quarterfinal matchup. While the Lancers put up a good fight against the Owls, it was Westfield who would ultimately come away with the victory by a score of 6-3.

The Owls finished the regular season 11-12-2, while the Lancers came in 9-14-2, but were riding a five-game winning streak.

However, the Owls won the regular season series against the Lancers after beating them 6-1 at home and 3-2 on the road before losing to them 5-4 in their latest matchup.

The two teams couldn't find the twine after one period as they combined for a total of 19 shots and three penalties in the first stanza. Both teams had their chances but just couldn't seem to find the back of the net.

The game would pick up however, as both teams would erupt for a total of five goals. All of them coming in the final five minutes of the period.

Worcester started the scoring at the 15:11 mark in the second period after Worcester's Sean Haltam put one home on the power play to five the Lancers a 1-0 lead.

But just as quikly as their lead came, it was gone even quicker, Westfield's Kyllian Kirkwood would connect on a bomb from the point that would go top left to tie the game at 1-1.

And just 11 seconds later, the Owl's Maxime Richard would take it in right off the face-off with some help from Lenny Calianone to give the Owls the 2-1 lead.

The second period scoring barrage would not stop there. Worcester's Alex Taddeo put one home to knot the game at two. Unfortunately, Worcester couldn't keep this one tied, and Kirkwood would connect on another missile from the point with just 11 seconds to go in the period to give the Owls the 3-2 lead heading into the third.

But Westfield wasn't done after that. The Owls put another into the back of the net as Roman Pfennings put the fourth one away for the home squad, with the assist going to Todd Gebert. A power-play marker would give the Owls their fifth goal of the game, as Cody Campbell-Rich found the twine at the 6:37 mark of the third.

The Lancers found the back of the net one final time, with a goal scored by Vinny Bohn on the power-play, but unfortunately it wouldn't be enough as the Owls ultimately came away with the victory.

Westfield goalie Ian Perrier finished with 22 saves for Westfield, while Kylian Kirkwood led the offense with two goals on the night. With the win, the Owls improve to an overall record of 12-12-2, while the Lancers would finish their season at 9-15-2.

The Owls will play the top ranked Plymouth State Panthers in Plymouth for the MASCAC semifinals on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m.

*The Owls lost Tuesday against the Panthers 3-0, ending their season. They finished 12-13-2 on the seaon with a .500 record in conference and on the road.

Congratulations to Franzia United for winning the Women's soccer intramural championship

Megan Doerie Photography

In the picture are Rachel Boulette, Katelyn Wood, Erin Linsenbigler, Molly McGovern, Meghan Burns and Maggie Kerr. Not pictured are Megan Lussier and Lily Handereck

Intramural Standings

5v5 Basketball Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	5	0	0	10
2	HYFR	2	1	0	4
3	Heart Over Height	1	0	0	2
3	Touchdown My Pants	1	0	0	2
5	Cunning Stunts	0	1	0	0
5	Founding Fathers	0	1	0	0
7	Washed Up	0	3	0	0

5v5 Basketball Skilled-West

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	OKD	4	0	0	8
2	The Legends	3	1	0	6
2	Bucks	3	1	0	6
4	Semi-Pro	2	0	0	4
5	Stanley Park Trail-Blazers	1	3	0	2
6	White Mambas	0	2	0	0
7	Double Double	0	4	0	0

Women's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Franzia United	3	0	0	6
2	Hooters	0	3	0	0

Men's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Deadbeat Creeps	4	0	0	8
2	Below Average Andy's	2	0	1	5
3	Bustin Bruins	2	1	0	4
4	Team X	1	1	1	3
5	Rocket Power	1	0	0	2
6	The Blazers	1	2	0	2
7	Moose and The Boys	0	0	1	1
8	OGBC	0	2	1	1
9	Bucks	0	1	0	0
9	To Be Determined	0	1	0	0
11	The 30's	0	3	0	0

Dodgeball West Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	Touchdown My Pants	8	0
2	69ers	7	1
3	Bucks	5	3
3	Below Average Andy's	5	3
5	Hit It and Quit It	4	2
6	Gotta Catch'em All	4	4
7	Space Monkey Mafia	3	5
8	Scranton Sloots	2	6
9	The 30's	2	7
10	McBuckets	1	7

Dodgeball East Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	The Creepy Crabs	8	1
2	Moose and the Boys	6	2
3	Deadbeat Creeps	5	3
3	OGBC	5	3
5	Carpet Cleaners	5	4
6	Do Your Job	5	4
6	Back That Pass Up	4	5
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Ashton leads Owls with dominant second half in ECAC New England Championship

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State senior guard Jen Ashton roared to life in the second half, scoring 14 of her game high 18 points in the second half as top seeded Westfield State held off eighth-seed Western New England in the quarterfinals of the ECAC New England Division III women's basketball tournament.

Westfield improves to 23-5 on the season.

Westfield trailed 29-28 at the half. The Owls, who shot just 39 percent from the floor in the opening stanza got 10 first half points from Jill Valley.

Western New England benefitted from solid ball movement, picking up assists on 10 of 12 first half buckets.

With the score tied at 36-all, Westfield State got back to back layups from junior center Forbasaw Nkamebe, and a jumper from sophomore guard Kirsy Segarra to build a six point lead with 14:41 to play.

The Owls extended the lead to nine before Western New England rallied. The Golden Bears gnawed the lead back down to one, 54-53 on a three-pointer by Dorothy O'Neil with 7:29 left in regulation.

Jen Ashton

Westfield quickly extended the lead back out to nine points by forcing several turnovers, and Ashton scored three straight layups to cap a 10-2 run that gave the Owls a 64-55 lead with 2:19 to play.

Ashton finished with 18 points, six assists, five rebounds and three steals. Valley added 16 points, four assists and three steals, and Nkamebo finished with 10 points and seven rebounds. Freshman center Rebecca Sapouckey drew a start and added nine points and seven rebounds for the Owls.

The Owls advance to the semifinals, and will face fifth-seeded Keene (NH) State, a mild 81-58 upset winner over #4 Norwich (Vt.) University. Time, date and site for the next game will be announced tomorrow.

WNEU ends the season 17-11. The Golden Bears got 17 points and six rebounds from Samantha McCann, 16 points and seven rebounds from Chelsea Vuis and 14 points and seven rebounds from O'Neil.

The Owls have set a number of records and milestones throught the 2014-15 season. With this win, they tied the school record for wins in a season, originally set in 1993. They are also on pace to set the record for highest winning percentage in a season. The current mark was set in 2003 when the team finished with a 22-5 record and a .814 winning percentage.

They also broke the record for consecutive wins in a season with 16, surpassing the mark set in 2011 with 12. Forbasaw Nkamebo also is on pace to finish this season with the second highest season field goal percantage in school history with .567 depending on the outcome of the women's next game.

Lacrosse newcomers set to boost team behind experienced upperclassmen

WSU Athletic Department

The Westfield State University women's lacrosse team is happy to announce this year's additions to the 2014-2015 team. A total of nine new faces will adorn the roster including three players from eastern Massachusetts, three from Central Mass and three from Western Mass. These players will compliment a veteran team already bursting with ability.

Head Coach Jeff Pechulis wae beaming as he spoke about his new players.

"We are very fortunate for these players to call Westfield State their home away from home for 9 months of the year. They're all great students as well as terrific lacrosse players. I fully expect great things from each and every one of them. They bring with them a variety of sharp skills and personalities, and thankfully some new jokes, so we fully expect a fantastic season and lots of laughs."

Samantha Coyle: Four year varsity player at Weymouth High School playing for Coach Maki. Served as captain of lacrosse her senior year. Also played four years of hockey, two years of volleyball and one year of cross-country. Captained the hockey team her junior and senior year. Graduated in 2014.

Madison Devine: Attended Fontbonne Academy. Coached by Diadre Tobias on varsity lacrosse for four years, tallying 99 points in her senior season. Also earned four varsity letters in both volleyball and hockey. Captained all three sports. Received the Coach's Award 2011 and Patriot Ledger all scholastic. Graduated in 2014.

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Women's lacrosse has a great combination of youth and experience entering this season and plan to contend in the post-season. The team has nine newcomers for the 2015 campaign. From left to right are: Freshman Victoria Hogan, Freshman Rachel Testa, Freshman Stephanie Godek, Freshman Samantha Coyle, Sophomore Alanah Melanson, Freshman Hunter Zackarics, Freshman Stephanie Hardy, Freshman Madison Devine, and Freshman Brooke Williams.

Stephanie Godek: Four letter varsity player on the lacrosse team at West Springfield High School playing for Coach Rachel Dionne. Posted 157 goals and 65 assists in her high school career. Captain her junior and senior year leading her team to playoff appearances each year. Received MVP Award of her team in her junior and senior year and selected to the First Team All-Scholastic junior year and First Team All Western Mass her senior year. Also a four letter varsity soccer player for the Terriers. Graduated in 2014.

Stephanie Hardy: Three letter varsity player on lacrocee team at Bridgewater-Raynham High School playing for Coach Cheri Sullivan. Captained the Trojans her senior year team to the South Sectional tournament. Also played four years on the field hockey team.

Victoria Hogan: Three year varsity lacrosse player for Shrewsbury High School playing for Coach Erica McMahon. Registered 39 forced turnovere during her senior year. Helped her team to two district finalist runs. Received the John Czerniak award for excellence and dedication in Lacrosse. Played club lacrosse with New England United and Mass Mavericks. Graduated 2014.

Alanah Melanson: Two letter varsity player at Chelmsford High for Coach Mike Marshall. Also played four years on the field hockey team. Graduated in 2013.

Rachel Testa: attended Oakmont Regional High School, last coached by Jarred Quinn. Played varsity lacrosse for three years. Also played vareity field hockey and basketball for three years. Captain for all three teams her senior year. Selected to the Central Mass All-Star field hockey team her senior year. Played for the IAS club lacrosse.

Brooke Williams: Three year varsity player on lacrosse team at Minnechaug Regional High School playing for Coach Dave Yelle. Posted 35 goals and 37 assists during her varsity High School career. Captained her senior year lacrosse team to the Western Mass Championship game. Selected to the Western Mass Division 1 First Team for lacrosse and was All-Scholastic her senior year. Also earned varsity letters in volleyball and indoor track. Captained her senior year volleyball team to the Western Mass semi-finals. Selected to the Western Mass Division 2 First Team for volleyhall, was All-Scholastic, and also selected to play in the Western Mass All-Star Volleyball Game her senior year. Graduated in 2014.

Hunter Zackaricz: Played at Northampton High School for Coach Susan Biggs. Played varsity for three years and was captain her senior year. Received awards for most improved offensive player and a coach's award. Her senior year she was selected for First Team All Western Mass. Played varsity field hockey and was the captain her senior year, leading her team to the regional semi-final game. She received field hockey awards for defense as well as a coach's award. Graduated in 2014.

Along with the addition of talent on the field, Westfield State has added some talent on the sidelines. Former all-star goalie Monica Rose has joined the coaching staff as an assistant coach for the Owls team. Coach Rose graduated from NCAA Division II Bentley University where she tended net for four years and earned Northeast-10 conference Goalie of the Year and First Team All-Conference honors. While at Bentley, Rose led the nation in goals against average and save percentage. Prior to joining the Westfield State staff Coach Rose served ae Assistant Coach at AIC.

Red Sox still searching for ace as Spring Training begins

Connor Swan
Voice Reporter

Spring training is upon us and while we should all be staring at green grass on our television sets and dreaming of the day we'll see the ground ourselves, Red Sox fans are instead complaining about the team's lack of an ace, and it's hard to disagree.

The fact that the Red Sox added over $250 million on the payroll without bringing back a certain left-handed ace is had enough, but to head to the Fort with five number three pitchers? For a team that wants to contend, that is unacceptable.

With that said, the Red Sox should not, under any circumstances deal for a number one pitcher before the July deadline. Unless the deal is so one sided that Cherington would he arrested for theft, there is just no need.

When asked about his starting rotation, John Farrell reportedly said the Red Sox have five number ones. I believe Mr. Farrell spent too much of his winter in Colorado because that is just absurd.

Clay Buchholz is a one when he's healthy but a five if he so much as chips a nail. Justin Masterson, who if he regains his form after an injury-plagued 2014 season, could he a solid number two. Rick Porcello, a guy who was huried in a stacked Detroit pitching staff, may develop into a two, hut is expected to he a high end three.

On top of that, Wade Miley is merely an innings eater that any team would love to have hut is expected to have the production of a four starter and Joe Kelly, who despite predicting himself to win the Cy Young, is the definition of a "league average" pitcher.

With this rotation, the Red Sox have no shot at contending in Octoher and when coupled with what projects to be one of MLB's best lineups, it should he more than enough for the Sox to contend for a wild card, at least until the July deadline.

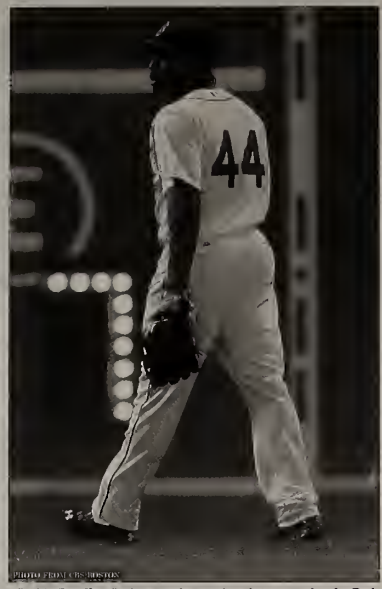
I would love to have an arm like Cueto or Zimmerman going into the year and I could tolerate a Cole Hamels deal, but as it stands, the prices on all of these guys are sky high. The Phillies are demanding two top prospects, preferably Mookie Betts and Blake Swihart, and I pray every night that Larry and the hoys say no. If they wait until the deadline, Phillies GM Amaro will panic and the price will drop. But even then, the Sox will still have to give up something that stings, but hetter a sting than to lose an arm.

Of course, hoping the price will drop is not the only benefit of waiting until the deadline. This would also give the Sox a chance to evaluate what they have.

Of the five-man projected rotation, not one comes without a question mark, whether it is past injuries or the tricky transition from the National League to the American League.

By waiting until the deadline, the Red Sox will he ahle to find out exactly what they have and hetter evaluate what they are willing to part with. Plus, all of the notahle availahle number ones currently play their trade in the NL, meaning that no matter whom the Sox pony up for, they will arrive as yet another unknown quantity.

Make no mistake; the theme of this Red Sox season will he answering the many question marks this roster presents, so why deal for another one before they figure out what they have?



Jackie Bradley Jr. is set to have a breakout year for the Red Sox who will need all of the defensive assistance and offensicve production that can considering their pitching rotation.

Bills revamp offense for 2015 campaign

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

This week, the Buffalo Bills acquired running hack LeSean McCoy from the Eagles for linebacker Kiko Alonzo. On top of that, the Bills also acquired quarterback Matt Cassel from the Vikings along with a draft pick for two draft picks of their own. With the addition of Rex Ryan as coach, it looks like the Bills are headed in the right track to become legitimate contenders in the AFC. But just how good are these acquisitions, and how good, or had, will this hode for the Bills?

LeSean McCoy has been duhhed one of the best running hacks in the NFL. Last season, he rushed for 1,319 yards on the ground, good for third in the league. But while he looks good on paper, he also has his weaknesses.

Last season, McCoy averaged only 4.2 yards per rush. In comparison, Ravens running back Justin Forsett averaged 5.4 yards per carry, while Jamaal Charles averaged 5.0 yards on the ground. With that said, it's fair to say that McCoy has a fairly low average, especially considering how many carries he had last year. On top of that, he only scored five touchdowns last season, meaning not only did he not gain yards, hut that he also failed to score when he had the ball.

However, McCoy has been amazingly consistent, rushing for 1,000 yards in four of the past five seasons while playing nearly every game, the only exception being 2012 when he missed four games after suffering a concussion.

Even separate from that, he still has the speed and versatility that makes him stand out among the hest of the best. And now that he'll be matched up with Fred Jackson, the Bills will surely have one of the best backfields in the NFL.

The acquisition of Matt Cassel might he just as good as McCoy. Cassel previously played for the Patriots, Chiefs and Vikings. In 2008, Cassel replaced the injured Tom Brady after he tore his ACL, leading New England to an 11-5 season and just harely missing the playoffs. While on the Chiefs, Cassel earned his only Pro Bowl nod after throwing for 27 touchdowns in 2010.

Since then, his numbers have dipped. After joining the Vikings in 2013 to replace Christian Ponder, Cassel has rarely seen action. Cassel was slated to start last season for Minnesota, however a foot injury in the third game of the season led to his replacement hy rookie Teddy Bridgewater.

With that said, Cassel is going to make an excellent addition to this offense for two reasons. The first is that now the Bills have LeSean McCoy and Fred Jackson in the backfield, the Bills don't necessarily need a star quarterback to complete this offense, especially considering the receiving core that the Bills have. Even with E.J. Manuel at the helm, rookie Sammy Watkins nearly snagged 1,000 yards in the air, and with the more experienced Cassel now commanding the offense, Watkins should easily eclipse that mark next season.

Second, with the acquisition of Cassel, the Bills can now put E.J. Manuel in the hackup position and wait for him to develop, or they could trade him away for a draft pick. Either way, the Bills have put themselves in a very comfortable position where they no longer need to worry about their quarterback situation.

Perhaps the most enticing aspects of these trades is that the Bills completely revamped their offense to the point that Rex Ryan can no longer worry about it. Ryan has heen known to run a great defense, especially considering he spent most of his career as a defensive coordinator. However, he never had a truly stellar offense, nor did he know how to utilize it, and that resonated throughout his career. Now, because the offense excels in nearly every aspect, Ryan finally has the opportunity to concentrate on offense because he has the skill and depth that he needs to run an effective offense.

Considering all of this, the Bills have become a legitimate contender in the AFC East. While it's unlikely that they'll dethrone the Patriots anytime soon, expect them to do much better in divisional matchups, especially against New England and Miami, both of whom have been known to cause them trouble in the AFC East. All in all, it will be likely that the Bills manage a 10 or 11 win season and manage to sneak into a wild card spot. But even if they don't, they'll definitely be in the running for the next few years.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
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There's a great vacation on the horizon for all of your friends and family. You, on the other hand, will be stuck at home working all week.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
As tourists you always look forward to sunshine and tan lines. Too bad. The stars predict rain for the entirety of your spring break.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
You will have a nice trip this spring break when you slip on ice.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
If you plan on coming back from spring break, cancel your trip to Cyprus.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
The sun predicts that it will be hiding for all of spring break.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
Your spring break will be everything you envisioned and more – like third degree burns!

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Are you bummed about not having any spring break plans? That's not even the worst of it; all of your friends just secretly planned a spontaneous trip to Cancun. You're not invited.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Don't count on having an entire week to get your homework done. Your dog is literally going to eat it all.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
The stars predict a bright future for you if you buy your cotillion ticket by Friday, March 6th.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
The greater the good the harder the blow.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Baby, there's a shark in the water.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
Move along; nothing to see here.

games & leisure

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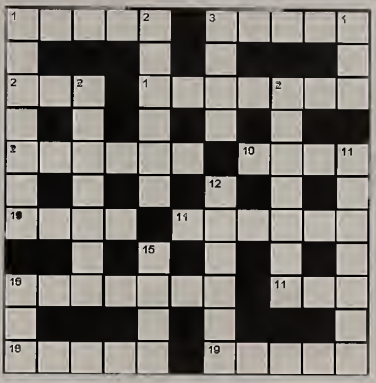

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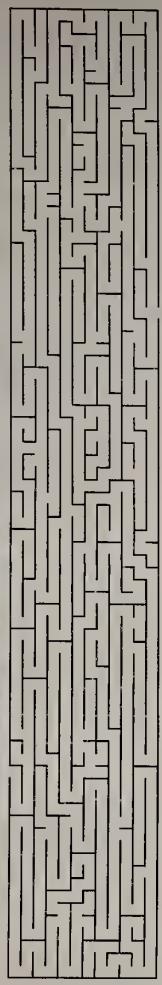

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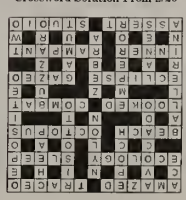

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Curt Robie and Tom Raffensperger talk to Senate about Juniper Park project, new science center, and Dever Stage renovations

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Curt Robie at the podium at Tuesday's SGA meeting. Robie and Tom Raffensperger discussed renovations and policy changes for the Dever Stage in Parenzo Hall.

Questions and updates for the many ongoing campus-wide projects as well as the new Dever Stage renovations and rules regarding its usage were presented to the Student Government Association last Tuesday by Dr. Curt Robie, associate vice president of facilities and operations, and Thomas Raffensperger, dean of academic information services and library director.

Dr. Robie first gave updates on the new science building. The buildings new towering steel frame is a sign of its steady progress to become a full academic building in the fall of 2016. "We are on budget and on schedule," Robie said. He announced that the topping off ceremony, when the last beam is placed at the top of the steel frame with celebration, will be on March 31 at 8:30 a.m. at the construction site behind Wilson Hall.

Robie then talked about work being done to Wilson Hall. He said his team looked at the air conditioners over spring break and will be adding new air conditioners in the hall this summer. He also said the work being done to Wilson Hall is in anticipation of a large renovation project in the summer of 2016. This summer, he said, Wilson Hall will see changes to its doors, making them more wheel chair accessible.

He also brought the Horace Mann Center to the senators' attention in saying that the front and rear entryways will be renovated by next fall. He said it took three years to obtain the funds for the renovations.

Robie next explained future plans and proposals regarding Juniper Park Elementary School. "We have a great need for space here at Westfield State. We are short on space everywhere," Robie said. He said Westfield State University will have full ownership and usage, without elementary students inside, of Juniper Park on June 30. He said the plan, which has been talked about for the last 4 years, is to make Juniper a full center for the fine and performing arts programs.

Theater, art, and music departments will be moved over to Juniper Park, he said. An architecture design firm, Robie said, has been hired to look at possible renovation strategies for the interior of Juniper and wish lists from the departments have been received.

He said more meetings regarding the use of Juniper's 60,000 square feet will be carried out as the weeks continue. He said by next fall some construction at Juniper Park might take place and the Nursing Department will have to wait to leave Juniper until the new science building is completed.

Robie said the need to move those specific departments is because their classes need space to perform. Possible additions to Juniper, he said, would be a new Black Box Theater and another performance space that would be a little smaller than the Dever Stage. He said this would be in the distant future for now because it would cost the University $25 to $30 million to do all the work to Juniper and only $1.9 million is available at this time.

He mentioned that the University has an accelerated energy project that will be working with Massachusetts to make the campus more sustainable. The $4 million project, he said, will be replacing boilers in buildings and the 40-year main power plants on campus, adding new LED lights to buildings, and ultimately reduce the campus's use of fossil fuels.

He also said that Dickinson Hall will be getting the same renovations that Davis Hall received last summer. In addition, he said, Davis will be getting an elevator to complete its renovation fully. Dickinson Hall will also have an elevator. Both renovations cost $7.7 million, and Robie said this will all be done this summer.

He lastly brought up the new plans for renovating Dever Stage, which was built in 1956. He gave a plethora of reasons why the auditorium is in terrible and unsafe conditions.

Robie said a study was conducted ten years ago regarding the safety of Dever Stage for performers with a national theater consultant who specialized in making sure the theater was safe for people. "After the result of that study we had to take out half the rigging in the place because it was deemed unsafe," he said.

He said since that study Dever Stage has not seen or gained any of the improvements that it needs. An embarrassing moment for the University ten years ago, Robie said, was when the Harlem Gospel Choir came to perform on Dever Stage for Westfield. He said one of the members was in a wheelchair and had no access to the stage because it had no wheelchair accessible path. They had to lift the person up onto the stage, which he said was against the Americans with Disabilities Act.

He said the University has $2.8 million for the renovation of Dever Stage and will use those funds to make the stage wheelchair accessible. He also specified other areas that would need to become accessible: The second floor dressing room is only accessed by stairs; the orchestra pit is not mechanical; and the pitch of the auditorium is too steep, especially the left hand side where performers go into the side door. He also said some areas backstage do not meet fire code standards.

Robie said with extra funds he hopes he can get the auditorium to have air conditioning as well as brand new rig parts, new seating for the audience, and new acoustic equipment. He said he would also want to see a

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA handles packed agenda for first meeting after break; Hettrick details housing sign-ups

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Three guest speakers spoke at Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting. To read what Dr. Curt Robie, associate vice president of facilities and operations, and Thomas Raffensperger, dean of academic information services and library director said to the senators, coverage begins on page one.

The third speaker was Joshua Hettrick, assistant director for residence life housing, who gave a step by step process of how students can sign up for a particular residential life building through MyHousing.

"I have heard a lot of incorrect information out there which I have been trying to address," Hettrick said. He said an email was sent out to students clarifying myths and rumors about the signup process. Similar to last year's SGA meeting with Hettrick, he systematically went through the process showing every screen a student would go through attempting to sign up for a room in a building.

He said that MyHousing is less clunky this year and the new updates to the software should make it easy for students. He claimed that the process can be done in two minutes.

A key issue, he addressed, was that students who are going into four or six apartments will have to make sure that each person is going to live in the right room whether it be a double or a single. He gave an example of a student who rushed through the process and put herself down in a single by accident instead of double, and was billed for living in a single which can cost up to $4,375. As fast and easy the process is, he said, students should be careful to read everything before pressing the signup button.

He did acknowledge the fact that most students want to run through the process quickly so the room they want does not fall to another student. As he stated similarly last year, all students should have options in case their first-choice room is taken and to make sure all students request one another in their groups.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, brought up the Residence Life website's floor plans for each building and criticized them for being too small to view while some, like University Hall, were not working at all.

Hettrick said Deleon has not been the first to address the website's issues due to amount of emails students send him about it. He said he will start to fix the floor plans after the SGA meeting.

After Hettrick was finished Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, gave her report to the senators. She hoped all the senators had a great Spring Break and was excited to get back to work to finish the semester. She announced that the Relay for Life Club will be hosting their second relay event on Apr. 17 and from March 23 to the 27, they will also be hosting the Paint the Campus Purple event. The madam president lastly mentioned that all students should attend Mr. Westfield on March 28.

Assistant director of housing Joshua Hettrick showing the Senate the housing sign-up process at Tuesday's meeting. The process was simplified with an update to the MyHousing software.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, said he had preliminary data on the snow removal survey to relay to the senators. He said 736 students took the survey over a two-week period.

He gave a percentage of what class ranks answered the survey: 27 percent being seniors, 26 percent being juniors, 24 percent being sophomores, and 22 percent being first-years.

In terms of the type of students who said they have or do not have car passes: 43 percent had South Lot passes, 22 percent had Commuter Lot passes, and a surprising 33 percent of students did not have passes at all. Clark said the latter 33 percent shows concern for snow removal by students who do not have a car on campus.

He said he will send out the survey results, along with the written negative and positive comments by students, to Facilities and Operations as well as the whole student body.

Megan Doerle, representative-at-large, gave the Food Services Committee report and said before Spring Break started, Sodexo donated all dairy and produce products that would not last during the break to the Salvation Army for families in need.

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, announced that the annual health fair will be next Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Owl's Nest. Over 50 individuals acting for various organizations will meet with students to answer their questions about the field. He also said there will be free massages given by a professional masseuse and pet therapy at the event.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, said that since the announcement of Spring Weekend concert performers – Ashley Monroe and Joel Crouse – the student body has had mixed reactions.

He said the Campus Activities Board is very confident that the concert will go well and that information regarding guest packets and pricing will be announced as the days go on.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Mar. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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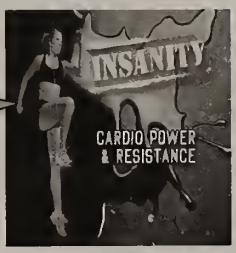

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room where special equipment could be kept – like the Music department's future new $150,000 grand piano that would need its own temperature- and humidity-controlled space.

He said all of the plans for Dever Stage are in the very early stages. He said the architect has been hired, will make designs, and will study Dever Stage for the future changes. Robie said he could not give out a schedule on when all of pre-work and construction would start; however, he told senators that in two weeks they would receive emails from him, and he would provide updates for those who want to be in the loop.

He also said he will be working closely with Ernie Iannaccone, staff assistant for academic technology services. "The project is way too big to do in three months. It's either going affect a fall or spring semester and I am trying to make sure it will not affect a whole year. It is going to be exciting but it is going to be a little hectic for a while," he said.

Questions were raised by the SGA regarding the future use of Dever Stage during the renovation, specifically dealing with the location of the Mr. Westfield and the Musical Theater Guild performances. Robie said relocating to an off-campus area or Juniper Park might be possible solutions.

Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, asked if starting renovations at the end this upcoming April was possible because the architect has been hired. Robie said it would not be plausible because the architect has to be approved by the state, which will take three to four months.

He said the first wrecking ball might not be in Dever Stage until late August or January of 2016. Robie also said that he does not want to sit on $2.8 million because the state will take it back if the University does not use it.

Courtney Keddy, representative of the class of 2015, asked Robie if this project is on time to start as soon as possible, and he said absolutely and that he has been meeting with more faculty members than operations personnel during the waiting process.

Music major Rose Ferraro, representative to Davis Hall, asked if Bates' practice rooms will still be available when the Music department is relocated to Juniper Park. Robie said no because there will be a good amount of new soundproof practice rooms with the money the University has for the renovation.

Robie finished by saying, "It's all a big show game right now and I just do not know where the pieces to the puzzle are because we are trying to put them together. Just trying to be honest."

Raffensperger gave a small follow up to Robie showing the new rules of the use of Dever Stage, which regulates students' events, community events, and any class that wishes to use the auditorium to the SGA.

He gave them a copy of the rules. What the rules do, he said, is help establish scheduling and the safety of all performers. This brand new document is now active starting this semester.

A lot of solid information was given to the SGA. If any student or member of this campus is interested in learning more about the topics discussed, they should see a senator to ask questions, especially after more details regarding Dever Stage are hatched out in the coming weeks.

Now is the perfect time for senators and constituents to be talking, debating, and solving campus-wide problems.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Two popular Amherst eateries are set to merge this summer. Amherst Brewing Company will be under the ownership of Harold Tramazzo, the current owner of The Hangar Pub and Grill. The menu will be revamped, removing some unpopular and expensive options to explore new avenues.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Nine speakers for this year's TEDx-Syracuse University event have been announced. The event, which takes place on April 17th, will feature speakers who are students, faculty, community, and alumni. The event is titled "Evolve." Admission is free and tickets will be available soon.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Former Associate Professor of Anthropology Kimberly Theidon has filed a lawsuit in federal court against Harvard University. Theidon claims that the University denied her tenure because of her support for a campaign to revamp the University's sexual assault policy.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

The University of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government has voiced their support for the legalization of marijuana. Several students attended Wednesday night's meeting to support the USG statement. The debate went for about 45 minutes and ended with the statement being passed almost unanimously

Westfield State University's Mr. Westfield pageant contestants raise money for Make-A-Wish foundation

From Press Release

Westfield State University will hold its fourth annual Mr. Westfield pageant on Saturday March 28 at 7:30 p.m. on Dever Stage in Parenzo Hall to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Hosted by the Class of 2015 and Class of 2017, Mr. Westfield is a pageant featuring some of the young men of Westfield State. Contestants will participate in a number of categories that include talent, outfit of choice, question and answer, formal wear, and fundraising.

The contenders are then scored by a panel of judges who consist of university staff and faculty members, and one Westfield State student is crowned "Mr. Westfield."

The pageant contestants consist of one male representative from each residential building on campus, as well as one representative from each class on campus. Contestants this year include, Dan Fullam '15 (Mr. 2015), John Bartel '15 and Patrick Bartel '15 (Mr. and Mr. Apartment Complex), Nicholas Odell '15 (Commuter), Nicholas Smarra '15 (New Hall), Jeff Gruber '16 (University Hall), Justin Connolly '16 (Mr. 2016), Jon Cubetus '17 (Lammers Hall), Andrew Manchino '17 (Mr. 2017), Wayne Barnaby '17 (Landsdowne Place), Anthony Swenson '18 (Dickinson Hall), and Miles Cipriano '18 (Davis Hall).

Instead of giving the winning contestant a monetary prize, all of the proceeds are donated to a cause supported by the community.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is an organization that grants spectacular wishes for children with terminal illnesses. Make-A-Wish granted 14,000 wishes last year alone. On average, one wish is granted for a terminally ill child every 38 minutes. The foundation thrives on donations from other organizations, such as Westfield State's Mr. Westfield pageant.

Organized by Class of 2015 President Richard Darrach, Westfield State has raised $12,000 in the past three years and has successfully granted two wishes. Since the 1980s, Westfield State has raised approximately $40,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through other programs and events.

"The work Make-A-Wish do is so inspiring. To see the look on a child's face when he or she has their wish granted is beyond words. We hope to raise $7,500 this year, which is the cost for one wish," said Darrach.

Darrach, who also works as a resident assistant and Student Ambassador, has been diligently working on the event, holding weekly rehearsals and working with the Class of 2017 since the two will be co-hosting together.

"It's an opportunity for students to get involved and really meet some new people," said Darrach. "The contestants have been working so hard and the show is going to be the best one yet."

Tickets for Mr. Westfield are $3 for students, children, and seniors, and $5 for general admission. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in the United States that arranges experiences for children with life-threatening medical conditions. The national headquarters and founding chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation are in Phoenix, AZ.

The organization grants wishes through its 62 chapters located throughout the US. Make-A-Wish also operates in 47 other countries around the world through 36 affiliate offices. To learn more about Make-A-Wish and how you can help grant a child's wish, please visit http://wish.org/ .

Westfield State to hold 2nd annual Relay for Life

From Press Release

Following up last year's successful event, Westfield State University will hold its second annual Relay for Life on Friday, April 17 in Woodward Center's indoor track. The event begins at 6 p.m. on the 17th and concludes at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

The campus held its inaugural Relay for Life last year and raised more than $40,000.

"Even thinking about it now, I am blown away by last year's success," said event organizer Beth Teague '15, president of the Relay for Life club. "With the short amount of time we had to plan and with how small our school is, nobody expected us to raise anywhere close to the amount we reached. The generosity of our community here as well as our home communities astounds me."

Relay for Life is the main volunteer-driven cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Created in the United States, the Relay for Life event has spread to 21 countries. Relay events are held in local parks, campus universities, and military bases, and all proceeds of the events go to cancer research and to improving the lives of those living with cancer. Relay for Life events have raised nearly $5 billion to date.

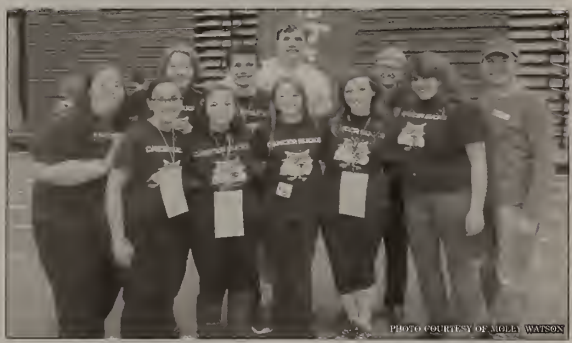
Teague has volunteered for numerous Relay for Life events during the past decade and wanted to bring the iconic fundraiser to Westfield State.

"I participated in Relays off campus and realized there was no reason we shouldn't have Relay for Life on the Westfield State campus," Teague said. "I wanted to bring something that could make life better to the WSU campus, and it has been received so well. With such an amazing first year, I know this is going to be an event that stays strong at Westfield State in years to come."

Teague said that the Relay for Life club plans to beat last year's fundraising total with the goal of $55,000 from this year's event.

Westfield State University's Relay for Life is open to students, faculty, staff, and the general community. To sign up or donate, visit http://www.RelayForLife.org/wsuma. The minimum fundraising suggestion is $100 per participant.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Each year, more than 4 million people in over 20 countries take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.



The 2013-2014 Relay for Life Executive Board poses at the 2014 event at Westfield State. Pictured from left to right are Allison Gagne, Liz LaBak, Brenna Closius, Tessa Newell, Wilson Belbin, Beth Teague, Dylan Welsted, Riley O'Brien, Liz Preston, Olivia Dumas, and Andrew Paterno.

To learn more about Relay for Life, please visit http://www.relayforlife.org/ or contact the President of the Westfield State University Relay for Life club, Beth Teague, at bteague8678@westfield.ma.edu.

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Westfield State honors late alumna, holds paint and sip to benefit memorial scholarship

From Press Release

Westfield State University will hold a paint and sip fundraiser on Friday, March 27, from 6-9:00 p.m. in the Loughman Living Room in Scanlon Hall to benefit the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship.

Established in 2014 by the Honors Program, the Ely Library, and the Westfield State University Departments of Art, World Language Studies, and Ethnic and Gender Studies, the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship honors alumna Emilee Dawn Gagnon '13 who passed away on September 23, 2013 while on a cross-country cycling trip to benefit Multiple Sclerosis.

A feminist who championed human, environmental, and animal rights passionately, Emilee combined her personal values and interests with her academic work. The scholarship is given out annually to a student who embodies Emilee's core characteristics.

The scholarship is stewarded through the Westfield State Foundation, Inc. The university has held additional fundraising events to benefit the scholarship including a "Hula-Hoop Celebration" last year during Spring Weekend and a sale of art work by Westfield State faculty and students. The university also held an exhibit titled "Emilee's Art Dream" in the Arno Maris Art Gallery last fall to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

Vanessa Diana, professor of English and assistant director of the Honors Program, said she remembers Emilee as a unique, vibrant individual.

"This event celebrates Emilee's energizing legacy on Westfield State's campus," Diana said. "An art history major and artist herself, Emilee brought a passionate, creative spirit to everything she did.

She lit up the room and inspired all who knew her to express our individuality proudly."

The paint and sip will be led by Faith Lund, adjunct professor of art and curator of the Arno Maris Art Gallery. Participants will he painting a Georgia O'Keeffe flower because Emilee found inspiration in women artists and even featured them in her senior honors project. Lund will give step by step instructions throughout the workshop. No prior painting experience is required.

Tickets are $15 for students and $40 for general admission. Tickets must be purchased in advanced and can be purchased online at www.westfieldalumni.org/paintandsip. Ticket prices include art supplies, appetizers, and non-alcoholic beverages. There will he a cash bar with wine and beer options.

The paint and sip event is offered as part of Westfield State's Month Celebrating Women calendar. For nearly 30 years, Westfield State has held events dedicated towards awareness and celebration of women's rights and issues involving women globally.

What started off as a week-long celebration organized around International Women's Day (March 8) is now a month-long tribute complete with guest speakers, concerts, and art exhibits.

The month is organized by faculty and staff and the department of diversity, inclusion, and student activities and is led by Ron'na Lytle, administrative assistant of the ethnic and gender studies and world language studies departments.

To support the Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship, contributions can he made by sending a check, made payahle to the "Westfield State Foundation, Inc." with "Emilee Dawn Gagnon Memorial Scholarship" written in the memo of the check, to: Westfield State University Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 1630 Westfield, MA 01086-1630.vv

crime log

On March 5, an indecent assault and battery occurred at 7:31 a.m. in a residential hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 6, a drug law violation occurred at 2:43 a.m. in the Apartments Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

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Westfield State alumna Emilee Dawn Gagnon of the class of 2013, who unfortunately passed away in September of the same year, was a passionate supporter of animal, enviromental, and fundamental human rights. The memorial scholarship is given out annually to a student who exemplifies Emilee's passions and characteristics that better the campus and surrounding communities.

from the voice vault

This article was published in the ***September 23, 2002*** *issue of* The Campus Voice.

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what is one thing you'd bring?

"I WOULD BRING A RAFT."

SARAH MUOLLO
2005
BUSINESS

"A BOAT."

DAN BENNINGTON
2005
COMPUTER SCIENCE

"I WOULD BRING THE VOLLEYBALL, WILSON."

BIZZ PREDELLA
2005
UNDECIDED

"EVE THE SINGER BECAUSE SHE IS THE BEST FEMALE RAPPER OUT THERE AND SHE'LL BE GOOD COMPANY."

GAVIN BAILEY
2003
BUSINESS

"MY CELL PHONE."

ERIN FLYNN
2004
MOVEMENT SCIENCE

"A LENSE SO YOU CAN START A FIRE WITH IT AND DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING WET."

SHAWN LAHAIR
2005
MATH EDUCATION

Voices Overheard compiled by Colleen Boisvert

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Student government discusses successes

By Kristine Miele
Voice Reporter

The Student Government Association met on September 30 to discuss some of the upcoming events that are planned for students on campus. With the newly elected senate members from Scanlon Hall now joining the group for the first time, SGA has elected representatives from all residence halls.

Executive Secretary Jessica Castro, who works in the Developmental Office, spoke to the group about different activities that the Developmental Office has planned for the upcoming semester. Currently, the Class of 2005 is working with the developmental office on their scholarship raffle.

According to Castro, information was mailed home to parents about purchasing $5 worth of tickets. They send in the stubs along with the $5 and are immediately entered into the drawing. The winner, said Castro, will be announced at half time of the Homecoming Weekend Football Game. The purchaser of the tickets will also receive a prize.

"The raffle is a $1,000 scholarship for spring semester and $100 for the person who bought it (the winning ticket)," said Castro.

According to Vice President of Programming Julie Swartwout, Happy Madison is still scheduled to perform next Wednesday, October 8. Happy Madison is an Adam Sandler look a like who talks and acts just like Sandler. In addition, Happy Madison now has a band that will perform before the actual show. Swartwout also held the first coffee house of the year last Wednesday, October 1.

Dan Fluery, President of Commuter Council, said that the commuter BBQ ran very smoothly and that so many people attended that they "ran out of food." Fluery also said that the Commuter Council has a Pizza Day scheduled for October 9 in Ely Lounge from 12-2.

According to Senior Class President Vanessa Whaley, the senior class has its next Senior Night planned for October 17. Forty-four people attended Senior Night on September 26.

The junior class according to Ashley Zolenski is planning a Pizza and Band Night on October 22 in Ely Main Lounge. They also plan to sell Pumpkin grams in which members of the junior class will go door to door delivering miniature pumpkins.

Mike Lawlor, president of the sophomore class, said that on November 13 the sophomores will be having a bake sale. Lawlor said that the class will be sponsoring a pizza and movie night on October 29. Pizza will cost $1, and the movie playing will be Candyman. In addition, the class will be going door to door today to collect cans to raise funds.

Also, Student Trustee Bob McDonald said that the next Student Advisory Council Meeting will be held at Framingham State College on October 16.

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Without my books upon the chair
And room to comb my hair -
Oh, wouldn't it be loverly.

Lots of closet and bureau space -
Room in the loo to wash my face -
To eat at a normal pace -
Oh, wouldn't it be loverly.

Oh so lovely never having to -
stand in line, -
for phone calls, food etcetera -
Oh my dream is so divine -
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just one roommate
instead of three.
Oh How, oh When, will we be
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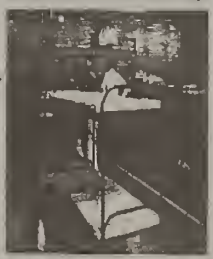

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opinions & editorials

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Even after U.N. press conference, "Emailgate" blows up in Hillary's face – what has this exposed?

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

PHOTO FROM BOSTON HERALD

Hillary Clinton's reasoning for not having a State Department email address is questionable at best, comical at worst.

Well, I didn't think it was going to happen but it would seem that the "main stream" liberal media has jump the ship and have started taking the former secretary of state to task. Of course I am underselling the recent blow up of the "emailgate" scandal that Clinton finds herself.

As I reported in my previous article, it became known that Hillary Clinton had used a private email server to conduct official business during her tenure as Secretary of State. Though it was not at the time, this is now considered illegal (ironically thanks to the Obama administration) and hopefully means something like this won't happen again.

I must say that I am extremely impressed about the media coverage on the matter and the persistence that I have seen in gathering information on the scandal. However, I am still bothered about having the scandal in the first place. How was the Secretary of State allowed to use a non-government email? How was she able to conduct her executive branch responsibilities without any government oversight? Now one may jokingly say that the NSA is always watching, but how could one not notice that Secretary Clinton was NOT using her ".gov" email?

Just the other week Clinton tweeted out that "I want the public to see my email. I asked State to release them. They said they will review them for release as soon as possible." Now there are a few issues I have with this statement the first being the necessity of such a statement in the first place. IF Hillary REALLY wanted the public to see her emails then why would she go through all the trouble of creating and setting up a private email server at her house? If there was no desire for "privacy," then there would be no need for a private email.

My second biggest concern I have with her statement is that no one is really understanding what she is saying. There is an estimated 55,000 emails being given to the State department with another 32,000 being deemed private by Clinton's lawyers. Now think about the 55,000 emails—they would have no reasonable way to analyze and organize 55,000 emails in a timely fashion, absolutely no way.

Now let's take a look at how the department handled the whole scandal. Clinton dodged and ignored questions regarding the whole affair for weeks on end until finally the floodgates opened. Now I wonder if the State Department would have used this time to prepare a decent defense for the inevitable press conference right?

WRONG! Jen Psaki went up for another "memorable" press conference, which followed the similar tone of the previous conferences. Now obviously I am being a little biased here as a conservative but it would seem that the Obama administration has some horrible employee choices when they attempt to defend themselves. The State Department has seen many "scandals" during the last term of the President and each time they address their shortcomings... they seem to make it worse.

Jen Psaki let a little bit of information flow that she probably shouldn't of, like the fact that the State Department had no idea what was happening with archiving their communications or the fact that NO ONE was apparently doing them. That right there is another issue in itself. HOW has the STATE DEPATMENT been as half-witted as to not KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT?! If it seems that I am angry, it is because I am.

I find it hard to believe that the State Department was so ignorant of their own processes that they had no idea that the communications between high ranking officials were not being recorded or automatically archived. Psaki noted that the State Department has just recently began automatically archiving emails for officials just this year, which is contradictory to her previous comment of Secretary John Kerry's emails being recorded since he took over for Clinton. She later went on to state that they hoped the whole department would be recorded by 2016, though I believe it's a little too late.

Where we move from here is up to the public, I believe that the fire has been fueled and no one involved will be coming out clean.

Whatever the outcome, it should be noted that despite the GOP calling for ALL of her emails, there has been little dissent amongst the Democrats on this. Will Clinton still be their frontrunner for 2016?

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Mod Podge: so much more than glue

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

Mod Podge is an acid-free type of glue from the company Plaid. It is especially useful for collage and decoupage projects because it acts as glue and also provides a protective layer. Mod Podge was first created by Jan Wetstone in the 1960's.

This famous mixture was created in her garage, and the term comes from "Modern Decoupage." She tested it on different types of surfaces, even a Volkswagen Beetle.

At the time, decoupage was a popular trend, but also very time consuming. It consisted of brushing multiple layers of varnish, and sanding between each coat.

With some experimenting, Ms. Wetstone created what is known today as Mod Podge.

After customers of her store demanded that she share her secret, she began selling Mod Podge kits. This was a huge success and led to a major Atlanta department store purchasing the rights to her kits. Mod Podge received recognition as one of the four best items in the Housewares Show in Chicago in 1967.

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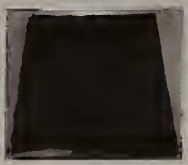

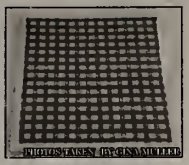

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- Pencil

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1. Trace the size you want for the fabric to cover the top of the tile
2. Cut the fabric pieces
3. Trace the size of the tile on the felt sheet
4. Cut out the pieces of felt
5. Take some Mod Podge and put it on the bottom of the tile
6. Place the piece of felt on the bottom of the tile where you just placed the mod podge
7. Take the fabric cut outs and put them on the top of the tiles
8. Using the paintbrush, put a thin layer of Mod Podge over the top of the fabric over the tile.
9. Let the Mod Podge dry completely before using the coasters

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

A letter to Dr. Diangelo on race and privilege

Editors' Note: Although Dr. Diangelo is no longer on the faculty of Westfield State University, the editorial staff of this newspaper agreed that this 'letter to the editors' should be brought to the attention of the campus community as a means to continue a dialogue on race and privilege, topics that both Dr. Diangelo, former professor of education at Westfield State, and the author of this letter discuss. The staff of this newspaper does not stand by the content of this letter nor does it publish this letter with the intent to side with either Dr. Diangelo or the author of this letter. The content of this letter has not been altered in any significant way as to diminish the original intent of the letter but rather to bring the letter in line with our editorial policies, which may be found on the opposite page.

Dr. Diangelo:

I read with great interest your essay on the white privilege of Nazi concentration camp survivors:

"...And white fragility also comes from a deep sense of entitlement. Think about it like this: from the time I opened my eyes, I have been told that as a white person, I am superior to people of color. There's never been a space in which I," she contends, "have not been receiving that message. From what hospital I was allowed to be born in, to how my mother was treated by the staff, to who owned the hospital, to who cleaned the rooms and took out the garbage.

We are born into a racial hierarchy, and every interaction with media and culture confirms it—our sense that, at a fundamental level, we are superior... The arrogance of white people faced with questions of race is unbelievable," Dr. DiAngelo concludes.

I am a white Jew whose entire Polish family was murdered hy the Nazis in 1943-1944, before I was born. I can only assume the pride and happiness with which they carried themselves as they were stahbed by bayonets and forced into cattle cars on the way to the Camps.How satisfied in their whiteness they must have been as they were starved and beaten to death – a story that had been met with chuckles in the family since Roman times. How they must have sung and danced as they were worked to death. How merry the skipping dance to the gas chambers, all soaked in the deep satisfaction of their white privilege!

How my other relatives – the ones that got away-- must have relaxed in steerage as they made their way to the U.S. and the 14-hour days in the textile mills of Massachusetts, then grinned all the way home to the 12-people to an apartment cold water tenements in which they lived. The rich, privileged mirth they must have shared as they reflected upon how much better they were than anyone else; something they also taught their children.

How my dad must have been soaked in white privilege by being the first in his family to go to college and, after five years, earn a degree in engineering while also working a 50-hour week in his dad's grocery store – a store bought after 40 years in the textile mills saving every penny.

How I grew-up filled with the warmth of white privilege in a Massachusetts town that hated Jews and proved it hy refused to sell our congregation land for a temple, and by beating us kids frequently to and from school, sometimes leaving us unconscious by the side of the road with the jeer, "kill the stinking k**e!" Yes, we who have enjoyed centuries of "white privilege" must certainly thank you for your cogent, incisive essay.

Sincerely,
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from the editors' desks

NCAA tournament is an experience players will never forget

NCAA basketball is deeply rooted in the heart of American sports and entertainment. Pat Riley played for the Kentucky team that fell short of a championship in 1966 against the all-black starting five of Texas Western. Those in the arena watching Loyola Marymount and Portland play on March 4, 1990 could have sworn the Earth stood still as Hank Gathers collapsed at the free throw line.

America stands still for two weeks after Selection Sunday. The billion-dollar tournament gives each and every person that completes a bracket a brief inkling of perfection only for it to be subsequently dismantled by the 12-5 matchups.

March Madness as we know it today was as close to an after thought as the NIT is now. Power conference teams were strongly considering removing mid-majors from the 64-team field, as they were severely beaten year-in and year-out. A justification for these programs was desperately needed.

Alonzo Mourning and the 1989 Georgetown team played with a "championship or bust" mentality. Sixteenth-seeded Princeton was only a formality as the Hoyas had their sights set on Seattle. After twenty minutes, Princeton led 29-21. Pete Carril and his Tigers played about the greatest game in college basketball history, only to fall short 50-49.

Without this game in 1989, there would be no Butler-Duke championship that came down to a few inches on a Gordon Hayward half-court heave. There would be no George Mason Final Four team that beat four teams from four separate power conferences to reach their first Final Four in 2006. There would be no VCU Rams team that started in the First Four and eventually lost in the Final Four in 2011.

The NCAA tournament concludes almost as quickly as it begins. Enjoy the tournament, forget about your picks, and remember what these games represent.

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Third season of Netflix's 'House of Cards' is more of a plateau than elevation of rise to power of one Frank Underwood

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The third season of Netflix's hit series "House of Cards" is no more exciting than the second or the first.

Starting with the Democratic leadership pulling their support for Frank (Kevin Spacey) should he run for the presidency, the series shows the villainous Frank and Claire (Robin Wright) Underwood retracting and getting soft rather than being sharp and on their game.

The series progresses at a pace akin to the middle of the second season when Frank was embattled with China and then-President Garrett Walker's (Michel Gill) friend Raymond Tusk (Gerald McRaney).

The majority of the season is consumed with Frank's obsession with a jobs-creation program called America Works. The program's goal is to employ every unemployed American.

Using money that was appropriated to FEMA for disaster relief, Frank funds America Works after the mayor of Washington, D.C. calls a state of emergency because the unemployment rate in the city is too high.

The program and its corny logo, flashed on the screen at several points throughout the season, turns the show from a serious Machiavellian take on Washington politics to a blind game of darts. Mistakes are made by season three Frank (and Claire too, more on that later) that season one or two Frank would never have made.

Bring in the fact that Doug Stamper (Michael Kelly), Frank's trusted chief of staff, is actually alive and recovering from Rachel Posner's (Rachel Brosnahan) attack on him.

Stamper does not fully gain Frank's trust until the last episode of the season, which is too late to undo all of the errors made by him and his staff.

When I say errors, I mean mishandling negotiations between Russian President Viktor Petrov (Lars Mikkelsen) in terms of a release of a political prisoner, allowing Claire to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, allowing her to speak at the press conference announcing the suicidal death of the political prisoner where she insulted the Petrov on Russian national television, amongst other errors of judgment.

What is interesting about the season, though, is that Frank and Claire appear to be drifting apart. Using a nationally known author writing a propaganda book about America Works, both sides of the marriage are presented to the viewer, leading them to believe that the Underwoods' marriage is not going to last very much longer.

Indeed, the last scene of the third season is Claire telling Frank that she will not be joining him on the plane to New Hampshire for the primary stumping.

When he tells her that she is being foolish and that she had best get on the plane, she says that she will not be and that she is leaving him.

While season four has not been announced yet, the writers have a lot of work to do if they want to appear as if they have not run out of steam

The series cannot continue if Frank and Claire are divorcing, so I feel as if this is a plot device for something greater. Some have speculated Claire's run for the presidency, which would be against Frank, but I do not know how or if that would fit with the existing plot.

The fourth season of the hit series will be interesting for sure.

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Kendrick Lamar's To Pimp A Butterfly is Groundbreaking

Ben Stohr
Voice Reporter

To put it simply: Kendrick Lamar's third album To Pimp a Butterfly is a work of art in every sense of the word. From his ability to completely reinvent himself stylistically to the depth of his creative expression. Kendrick has graced us with something that people will talk about for the next 20 years. If I am wrong and people overlook this project, it will be on of the biggest musical injustices in recent history. Take my word for it: This is special.

Throughout all of the pure genius that shines in this album, something that should be mentioned is the impact of its production. On a bandful of the tracks, Kendrick brings in proven producer Thundercat to work on the beats. The bass lines and unique use of instrumentation creates a jazz-funk influence that leaves the beat all but hypnotizing.

There is no denying that Kendrick is a lyrical wordsmith with a knack for storytelling. In his first two albums Section 80 and Good Kid Maad City, Kendrick tells a story throughout the entire project, making it feel like a complete work instead of songs thrown together to make up an album. It is that precise focus on structure and theme that makes To Pimp a Butterfly so appealing.

From the beginning, and continuing throughout nearly all of the 16 songs on the album, Kendrick recites fragments of a poem. It isn't until the final track titled "Mortal Man," that the meaning and completed version of the poem is revealed, then finally ending with a separate poem addressing the caterpillar and the butterfly.

During the culmination, Kendrick recites his poem at full length, revealing he is speaking to none other than his idol, the late Tupac Shakur. Using audio from an old Tupac interview, Kendrick and his producers splice in a seamless conversation between Pac and himself. There's no denying Tupac's influence on this album. Kendrick went out of his way to release it a week early, dropping it on the 20-year anniversary of Tupac Shakur's masterpiece "Me Against the World."

In fact, in one interview Tupac was discussing the future, saying "I'm not saying I'm gonna change the world, but I guarantee that I will spark the brain that will change the world." It's safe to say Kendrick Lamar's brain has been sparked.

The bone chilling "conversation" between the two touches on racism, fame, family, religion, sanity, and opportunity. It is the focus of these themes that makes To Pimp a Butterfly such a complete story. I recommend reading over the final words of the album, where Kendrick recites a poem from "a good friend... describing my world." It is here that Kendrick finally addresses the title of the album, telling the story of the caterpillar and the butterfly as a metaphor to the problem of racism and inequality.

He suggests the solution does not manifest in violence, but instead in the power of knowledge. This knowledge will create something past equality, where everyone can see each other as human beings. No gang tags, no wealth, and no discrimination, just human beings. "...Although the butterfly and caterpillar are completely different, they are one and the same."

Kendrick Lamar speaks on many poignant topics on this album, and in doing so he sees himself as a societal prophet to the likes of Tupac and Nelson Mandela. This depth and complexity is something that represents a piece of historical literature, and he uses the power of music and creative expression to speak his mind.

To Pimp A Butterfly has the potential to grow into an influential societal treasure; a feat pretty impressive coming from a genre bogged down with stale club beats and drug references.

Whether you call it rap, poetry, or an abstract form of literature, it is a spark of genius for an hour and fifteen minutes that is impossible to ignore. Praise to King Kendrick, reshaping the mold of rap.

Glee to have its final curtain call

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

After over six seasons, 700 performances, two sold-out worldwide tours, the tragic loss of a cast member, and an embarrassing ratings dive, Glee will have its two-hour series finale on Friday, March 20th.

Premiering in 2009, Glee was a polarizing hit show from the start because it was unlike anything on television. The first season featured breakout stars Lea Michele, Cory Monteith, Chris Colfer, Naya Rivera, and Dianna Agron, who were then unknown before beginning their career with Fox.

The finale will feature a flashback to a time before the Glee Club and its members' success; in this scene titled "2009," the students were unpopular, unknown, and striving for a chance to achieve their dreams. Lea Michele, who plays Rachel Berry on the show, revealed how difficult it was to regress back into the mindset of that Rachel because of how much her character has developed.

In the second hour, the show will feature a flash-forward five years to show how the characters have grown. And although one original cast member will not be physically present, he will be represented during the finale. Cory Monteith, who played goofy quarterback Finn Hudson, died in July of 2013, and the show chose to have Finn pass away as well. Co-star Chord Overstreet told Ellen Degeneres that the finale will definitely honor Finn; the cast felt that Cory was "with them" when they were filming.

Last year, Fox executive Kevin Reilly called Glee the "best show on television" – and, for a time, it was. In the early seasons, Glee averaged about 12 million viewers per episode. This season, the show barely manages to get 1 million viewers an episode. The show's viewers steadily decrease since the middle of season two.

Many have theorized the reasons behind the show's decline, one of which has to do with newcomer Darren Criss's arrival to the show midway through season two. While Criss has a loyal fanbase from his earlier stage productions, and was a favorite of Glee creator Ryan Murphy, many dedicated Glee fans were put off by the amount of initial screen time that Criss received – they felt their favorite characters were pushed to the backburner.

The beloved characters that the fans had grown to love slowly got torn apart every week – making viewers disappear in droves. Characters made out-of-character decisions and any character development that had occurred was quickly demolished again.

Even if the show has a reputation for treating its characters unfairly, Glee is still a source of inspiration for many LGBTQ teens who found comfort in the show's groundbreaking portrayal of teenagers of every sexuality.

Viewers who were struggling with their sexuality witnessed Kurt come out to his father and later find love, as well as Santana refuse to accept that she was a lesbian before finally embracing it. Last month, Glee treated fans to a double wedding between the show's most loved couples Klaine (Kurt and Blaine) and Brittana (Brittany and Santana).

This season also featured something that many network television shows do not frequently cover. Football coach Shannon Beiste (Dot-Marie Jones) transitioned from a female to a male and became Sheldon Beiste. The show included messages of tolerance – something that is especially important in today's world.

Though Glee might not have as many viewers as it once did, the current fans are sending a clear message online – they will definitely miss this show.

Tina Fey's new comedy reign is 'Unbreakable'

In the Netflix original Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, upbeat and spunky Kimmy heads to the Big Apple after her 15 year captivity by an apocalyptic extremist.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

In her newest Netflix series, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, creator Tina Fey proves herself to be a comedic queen. The series, which premiered on Netflix on March 8, follows a 29-year-old woman named Kimmy Schmidt (Ellie Kemper) who was kidnapped and kept in an underground bunker for fifteen years by deranged Reverend Richard Wayne Gary Wayne (Jon Hamm).

Schmidt and the three other captive women, known as the "Mole Women", were told by Reverend Wayne that the world had ended and they were the only survivors. The women were finally rescued by the SWAT team and learned that the world was still intact. However, the world that Schmidt encounters when she is released from the bunker is drastically different than the world she lived in previously. She has to learn what cell phones and computers are, as well as try to adjust her intensely optimistic attitude to a pessimistic society.

When Schmidt decides to move to New York, she gets a dose of reality; she arrives with only one backpack and one outfit. Searching for a place to live, she comes upon Titus Andromedon (Tituss Burgess) and his landlord Lillian (Carol Kane). Andromedon allows her to live with him as long as she is able to get work. Schmidt gets a job working as a nanny for the rich, stay-at-home mom Jacqueline Voorhees (Jane Krakowski). Voorhees teaches Schmidt what a "selfie" is and Schmidt in turn tries to teach Voorhees that the superficial isn't the most important thing.

Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt includes many funny scenes of Schmidt trying to acclimate to the new world that she finds herself in, and the best thing is she doesn't let any of the new challenges she faces break her spirit. One of the memorable scenes in the series is when Schmidt takes a picture of Voorhees and shows it to her and Voorhees recoils in disgust and asks her what filter she's using. "Hashbrown: No Filter." Schmidt replies – meaning hashtag. With Titus, she's able to learn about new culture. He keeps a journal for her to write in, labeled "Things People Don't Say Anymore" – an example being when Kimmy exclaims, "Word up!"

Throughout the series, Schmidt strives to become more than just a "Mole Woman." She refuses to be limited to a single label– in Kimmy's own words, she is "not a victim and will not let that define who she is." When Schmidt testifies against Reverend Wayne, she faces him head-on and refuses to let him intimidate her – proving that she truly is unbreakable.

Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt's second season will premiere on Netflix next year.

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owls athletics

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Lax Starts Slow

Owls leave Florida without a victory but hope to turn long season around up north with thirteen remaining games

Caroline Smart and Jenn White converge on a Meredith player in a game at the National Training Center in Clermont, Florida.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

Samantha Lungarini scored six goals for Westfield, but Meredith (NC) College squeezed past Westfield State, 16-15 on a last-second shot at the end of overtime to defeat the Owls at the National Training Center on Thursday.

Westfield State trailed 12-9 with 20 minutes to play, hut the Owls went on a scoring hinge, tallying the game's next six goals to take a 15-12 lead. Lungarini scored four of the Owls six goals in that critical span.

Meredith, however rallied late to force the extra session, scoring the last three goals, all hy Danielle Lee, including the equalizer with 14 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 15-all.

Westfield controlled the hall early in the first half of overtime, winning the draw hut could not muster a quality scoring chance. The Avenging Angels got control of teh hall late in the period and got two shots at the end of the first 3-minute half of overtime hut could not score.

In the second half of the overtime period, Meredith controlled the draw and stalled until about a minute was left in the period.

When the action started, Westfield forced a turnover, but the Owls could not clear the hall. With time expiring, Meredith's Victoria Doyle ripped a shot from ahout 15 feet out that found the back of the net as the horn sounded for the game winner.

Meg Griffin added four goals and two assists for the Owls, which fall to 0-3 on the season. Meredith, which got six goals and an assist from Lee, improved to 5-2.

Indoor track closes season at ECAC competition

Andrew McIntosh
Voice Reporter

The Westfield Owls Men and Women's indoor track team competed in the ECAC Championships on March 6-7. Both teams performed well in total points, with the men's team earning 7.5 points, good for 37th out of 56, and the women's team finishing tied for 17th out of 60 competing schools.

The women's team had a strong showing at the event, with five women competing in six events. Sophomore Ashley Monahan from Springfield competed in the 800-meter run, finishing with a time of 2:21, good for 14th place. Freshman Jessie Cardin also put on an impressive performance in the 3000-meter run, finishing fifth with a time of 10:17.

In the women's pole vault, freshman Ashley Craig also placed fifth in her event with a height of 3.6 meters. In shot put, Palm Kaluma earned a top spot, placing fourth with a distance of 13.01 meters.

Naloti Palma placed third in the shot put and sixth in the weight throw to lead Westfield at the All-New England Championship at Boston University on Saturday. She shot put 13.31 meters and threw the weight 16.31 meters.

The best performance of the day for the Owls, however, was from Naloti Palma, who placed in the top tier in hoth women's shot put and weight throw.

The junior has been a driving force for the Owls this season, receiving numerous ECAC and MASCAC honors in the process, including numerous MASCAC Athlete of the Week honors along with Ashley Craig.

For the men's team, it seems that teamwork was the key for them as they competed

4x400 and 4x800 relays. The men's 4x400 team, which included Michael Stender, John Tomlin, Matthew Moussamih, and Kyle Sullivan, placed fourth in the race with a total time of 3:22.

The 4x800 team, consisting of Tevin Cintron, Grant Whitney, Michael Skelly, and Kenneth Parace, placed ninth with a time of 7:48, 11 seconds behind event winner Franklin and Marshall.

Travon Godette participated in the men's high jump, earning a height of 1.97 meters and placing sixth, respectively. Zach Delisle also participated in the men's pole vault, but unfortunately did not place.

All in all, it was a very successful showing for the Owls and a great close to the indoor season. The team will look to have even more participants in the Conference Championships when they begin their outdoor season this upcoming spring.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events
Monday, March 9th
Softball vs Bethany College L 5-6
Softball vs Transylvania University W 3-0
Baseball vs Wentworth (DH) W 13-3, L 2-8
Tuesday, March 10th
W LAX vs Nazareth College L 7-15
Softball vs Simmons College L 1-7
Softball vs Lakeland College W 6-4
Baseball vs Wayneburg University W 12-9
Thursday, March 12th
W LAX vs Meredith College L 15-16 OT
Baseball vs St. Joseph's College of Maine W 4-3
Friday, March 13th
Softball vs Haverford College W 5-3

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events
Thursday, March 19th
W LAX at Johnson & Wales 6:00 p.m.
Baseball vs Albertus Magnus PPD
Softball vs Becker PPD
Saturday, March 21st
W LAX vs Nichols 11:00 a.m.
M/W Track at Wesleyan U. Invite 11:00 a.m.
Baseball vs Mitchell College PPD
Sunday, March 22nd
Softball (DH) vs WPI 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24th
Baseball vs Elms (canceled)
Wednesday, March 25th
Softball at Sage Colleges (DH) 3:30 p.m.
Baseball vs Elms College at Springfield 3:30 p.m.

Baseball impresses in Florida debut games

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Pete Liimatainen closed out the game against Cazenovia (NY) for his second save of the season. The Owls won the game with a final score of 6-3 as Liimatainen secured the final two inning of the double-header.

Mike Barry
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State Owl's baseball team returned after its spring break trip in Florida with an impressive 8-2 record. The Owls competed in multiple locations around Florida to kick off their 2015 season.

Starting the trip off, the Owls swept a double-header against the Dickinson Red Devils with 6-4 and 4-0 victories. The next day, the Owls had another commanding victory over New England College by a final score of 7-3. Senior Pitcher Mike Molta threw a hrilliant 4-hit shutout for the Owls, striking out eight hatters in the victory. Molta received MASCAC Co-Pitcher of the Week honors for his dominant performances down in Florida.

The next day, the Owls played another double-header, splitting both games against Wentworth. Westfield won the first game very clearly with a strong 13-3 win. However, Wentworth fired back in the second game, easily winning 8-2.

It was the sixth inning of each game where the score would be swayed definitively one side. In the first of the two games, the Owls had an eight run sixth inning, which allowed them to take control. In the second game, Wentworth put up five runs in the sixth, which would end up being enough for them to earn the win.

With a record of 4-1, Westfield went into their sixth game of the trip against Waynesburg University in what was an offensive slugfest. Westfield would end up with the victory, defeating Wayneshurg 12-9. Senior DH Tim Santilli tied a Westfield State record after hitting three homeruns in the win. It's clear based off of the team's performance down in Florida that the Owls are going to be a force to be reckoned with offensively this season.

With an off day to rest after their defeat of Waynesburg University, the Owls were energized going into their third double header of the week against Saint Joseph's College of Maine. It was Molta's hrilliance on the hill in the first contest that helped the Owls to a 4-3 victory, giving up just one earned run in seven solid innings of work. Molta solidified his Co-Pitcher of the Week honors with another fantastic performance. Unfortunately, in the second installment of the double header, the Owls pitching couldn't continue to contain Saint Joseph's as Westfield lost hy a score of 9-4.

Going into their final double header of their spring break trip, the Owls went out to finish the week strong and did just that, sweeping the double header with Cazenovia College by scores of 8-2 and 6-3.

The Owls have to be happy with the way they performed over spring hreak and should he extremely confident going into the rest of their season. The Owl's first few games have been postponed and are not scbeduled to play again until the play Elms College on March 25 at the New England Baseball Complex in Northborough.

Chip Kelly molds Eagles to fit his vision

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

Free agency in the NFL is comparable to Christmas Day: free agents galore, ties are cut and new bonds are formed. Each and every year something big happens, and this year, Chip Kelly continued that standard.

Chip Kelly bas received a wide array of criticism, ranging from glorification to distraught responses. Kelly went out this free agency and made a lot of noise, showing he was not afraid to go after marquee names. While cutting bonds with some of the names that made the Eagles, Kelly has become the boldest coach in the NFL.

Because of this, Sports Hub's Scott Zolak has compared Kelly to Bill Belichick a few times in tbe past few weeks. Kelly may be channeling Bill with these moves and his words in press conferences. Whether he wants to be like Bill or try to create a new image, Kelly has done nothing but make waves throughout the world of football.

The first names that were on their way out were Cary Williams and Trent Cole. Cole was a staple on the Eagles defensive front, and was considered to be a career Eagle. However, Cole was let go and instead made his way to the Colts. Williams, on tbe other band, was brought in a few years back. A Super Bowl Cbampion with the Ravens, was inconsistent throughout his time in the midnight green, and instead decided to take his talents, or lack thereof, to Seattle.

Chip's next big move happened hours later after the Eagles made a trade sending LeSean McCoy to Buffalo for LB Kiko Alonso. Following the trade, many thought that Chip had fallen off his rocker. But in the grand scheme of things, the move is being considered hrilliant, as it cleared up cap space for the Eagles to make more moves.

Following the trade, Kelly got huge signings in Walter Thurmond and Byron Maxwell, two cornerbacks with still a lot to prove in their careers. Maxwell was considered to be a top defensive back on the list of free agents and was being eyed by the Eagles for some time now.

Jeremy Maclin would be the next name on his way out, finding his way to a reunion in Kansas City with former coach Andy Reid. Maclin got a hefty contract from the Chiefs, although it's evident that they may have overpaid for the WR.

Soon after, Kelly continued to shock his critics as he traded Sam Bradford for Nick Foles. Bradford, an injury-prone quarterback who's played his entire career in St. Louis, is a guy that could work in Kelly's offense.

Despite all of the moves this offseason, it was the last two signings that were perhaps the biggest news of the year thus far, as running backs Ryan Matthews and Demarco Murray decided to join the Eagles. Murray, who led the division rival Cowboys to a playoff appearance and led the league in rushing yards, will make a huge impact in Philadelphia.

Like him or hate him, Chip Kelly is molding this team into what he wants. Many say call them the Philadelphia Ducks because of all tbe players from Oregon, but its what Chip wants. With tbe NFL Draft just a few weeks away, it's going to he exciting to see wbat Kelly has up his sleeve.

PHOTO FROM GAMEDAY

Chip Kelly has kept Eagles fans on the ropes this offseason with trades, signings, and rumors. For as much as Philadelphia lost with their LeSean McCoy trade, they have made up for it with free agent moves.

NCAA Tournament consistent with winners, losers, and snubbs

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

This past Sunday, the Selection Committee announced its field of 68 for this year's NCAA Tournament. And as is true every year, many teams in the field came out extremely lucky or extremely unfortunate in their seeding.

ACC Tournament Champion Notre Dame has the misfortune of being placed in the same region as Kentucky, who currently stands undefeated heading into the Tournament. Although Kansas won the Big 12 regular season championship, they have shown that they struggle against defense-oriented opponents, losing to Virginia and Syracuse.

And although it's difficult to say any aspect of Kentucky's game is bad, it's true that their defense is much better than offense, notably since the Wildcats have Aaron and Andrew Harrison.

If Notre Dame wants any chance to beat the Wildcats, assuming they get that far, they'll have to expose Kentucky outside the arc, especially considering guard Pat Cannoughton is shooting 43.6% from three-point range this season, good for tenth in the nation.

Georgetown is also an unfortunate team heading into the Tournament. Although Georgetown is seeded fourth in the South region, they face Eastern Washington in the second round.

The Eagles, who are 5-0 in their last five games, have played consistently well, whereas Georgetown has struggled to do the same. The Eagles also boast one of the best offenses in the country, ranking third in the nation with an astonishing 80.8 points per game, and 19th in the nation with a .480 field goal percentage. Meanwhile, Georgetown is 151st in the nation with 64.6 points allowed per game.

Eastern Washington 0-2 against ranked opponents this year, but expect them to earn their first against the Hoyas, especially considering the Hoyas are prone to early exits in the Tournament.

One of the luckiest teams heading into the Tournament has to be UCLA. Finishing at 20-13, the Bruins barely squeaked into an 11th seed, although many argue that they shouldn't have been there in the first place.

The Bruins have no marquee wins on their resume, going 1-7 against RPI top 25 teams, with their only win against Utah in a 69-59 victory. Even worse, the Bruins are 2-8 on the road, including a 71-39 thrashing by the Utes. Surely, the SMU crowd will dominate the Bruins fans in Houston, which doesn't bode well for UCLA.

On top of that, their best player is Bryce Alford, and even then that's not saying much, especially considering he missed 19 consecutive shots earlier in the season, including a stretch of 5 for 39 shooting. It's safe to say that the Bruins won't last long in the tournament, especially since they shouldn't have been in there at all, or at least in a play-in spot.

Perhaps the biggest winner coming into the tournament is Dayton, who earned a play-in spot against Boise State. The Flyers made an astonishing run to the Elite Eight last year as an 11 seed, beating out Ohio State, Syracuse and Stanford before losing to top overall seed Florida.

The Flyers are looking even better this year, thank you in part to their superb defense. The Flyers are ranked 44th in the nation with 60.9 points allowed per game, largely due to their ability to control the tempo of the game. If the Flyers can make it past Boise State, expect them to break a few brackets as they make another possible late run.

Every year, the selection process gets harder to even the playing field for every team.

Although there were some noteworthy and unfair selections this year, it still proves to be one of the best NCAA Tournaments in years.

Ashton makes All-Northeast Region team

WSU Athletic Department

The honors continue to roll in for Westfield State senior women's basketball guard Jen Ashton (Beverly/Beverly, Mass.).

In the last few days, Ashton has been named to the D3hoops.com All-Northeast region first team; the New England Women's Basketball Association All-Region first team, and was selected to play in the NEWBA senior all-star game.

"She's definitely been consistent all year," said Owls' head coach Andrea Bertini. "She the best player I have coached, she's a good leader, the best practice player, the best passer, the best rebounding guard – she knows the game better than anyone I have coached.

Ashton led the Owls in scoring at 15.6 points per game, in assists with 5.5 per game, and steals with 3.8 per game. She will graduate as the school's second all-time leading scorer with 1,524 points (just two points shy of Amanda Braden Theriault's record), the all-time leader in steals with 440, and ranks second all-time in assists with 594.

"What's amazing is to think that after the first half of Jen's freshman year she has always been the player that our opponents have keyed on stopping, and she still finished with more than 1,500 points in her career," said Bertini. "She has been remarkably durable, which is a testament to her off season workouts, her nutrition, how she prepares. I don't think she ever missed a game, or even a practice due to injury, and she has been able to play a massive amount of minutes."

This year, Ashton led the MASCAC in assists, ranked 13th in the nation in that category and 10th in the nation in steals.

Players chosen to the D3hoops.com All-Region team are eligible for All-American selection. The All-American teams will be announced at the end of this week, in conjunction with the Division III men's and women's championships. This is the 14th year D3hoops.com has named an All-Region team and this year's All-America team will be the 18th annual All-American selections.

The New England Women's Basketball Association (NEWBA) provides support for coaches from the New England Region. Membership in NEWBA is open to all Division III head coaches from the region who have a vested interest in the welfare of the organization. At the conclusion of each season, the NEWBA sponsors the Senior All-Star Classic and a slate of post season awards.

Ashton is one of 24 participants who were chosen for the NEWBA Senior All-Star Classic, to be held on Saturday, March 28, at Ainsworth Gym at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

"When you look at the sheer number of college teams in New England, and the success that the schools from the region have had in the NCAA tournament in recent years, it really speaks volumes about her talent and ability to be named to the first team on both teams as a player from Westfield State and the MASCAC," said Bertini. "That's a lot of respect that is hard-earned and well-deserved for her and our program."

In her senior season, Ashton led the Owls to a 24-6 overall record. The team was 12-0 in the MASCAC regular season, and won a school-record 16 straight games. The Owls were the top seed in the ECAC tournament and finished as the tournament runner up.

Intramural Standings

6v5 Basketball Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	5	0	0	10
2	HYFR	3	1	0	6
3	Touchdown My Pants	2	1	0	4
3	Washed Up	2	3	0	4
5	Heart Over Height	1	1	0	2
6	Founding Fathers	1	2	0	2
7	Creepy Crabs	0	2	0	0

5v5 Basketball Skilled East

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	69ers	2	0	0	4
2	Hit It And Quit It	2	1	0	4
2	Rocket Power	2	1	0	4
4	Moose and the Boys	2	1	0	4
5	OGBC	1	2	0	2
6	Octopus C's	1	3	0	2
7	Pippen Ain't Easy	0	2	0	0

Women's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Franzia United	3	0	0	6
2	Hooters	0	3	0	0

Men's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Deadbeat Creeps	7	1	0	14
2	Below Average Andy's	5	1	1	11
3	Bustin Bruins	5	2	0	10
4	Rocket Power	4	1	0	8
4	The Blazers	4	3	0	8
6	Team X	2	4	1	5
7	The 30's	2	5	0	4
8	To Be Determined	1	3	1	3
8	OGBC	1	6	1	3
10	I Yer Sister	1	1	0	2
10	Buchs	1	4	0	2

Dodgeball West Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	Touchdown My Pants	10	0
2	69ers	8	2
3	Hit It And Quit It	6	2
4	Below Average Andy's	6	4
4	Buchs	6	4
6	Gotta Catch'em All	5	5
6	Space Monkey Mafia	5	5
8	The 30's	3	7
9	Scanlon Sloots	2	8
10	McBuckets	1	9

Dodgeball East Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	The Creepy Crabs	9	2
2	Deadbeat Creeps	7	4
3	Do Your Job	7	4
3	Carpet Cleaners	6	4
5	Moose and the Boys	6	4
6	"OGBC"	6	5
6	Back That Pass Up	6	5
8	Doubles D's	2	9
8	We're Aiming For The Fat Ones	1	10
10	Booze Brothers	0	11

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horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 - April 20):
A handful of skill is better than a bagful of gold. Tell that to your Liberal Arts degree and your bank account.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
A stroke of good luck is awaiting your arch nemesis.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Avoid the DC potatoes this week unless you want a special surprise.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Your life is in desperate need of some change. The only time you've shaken things up this month was that day you bought a Shamrock Shake.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
The stars predict a pot of gold with your name on it at the end of the rainbow. It's too bad you're colorblind.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
Jupiter reports that all Irishmen are incredibly jovial and sanguine—with the exception of Irish Virgos.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Make sure to be extra kind to all of your short Irish friends this week. They could prove to be leprechauns in disguise.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
The stars report that you've been considering partaking in an extreme sport this week. Keep in mind that Saint Patrick's Day doesn't bring luck to everyone.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
A night of shenanigans-gone-wrong awaits you and your friends this weekend.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Mercury predicts a positive turn in your love life—assuming you attend Cotillion this week.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Beware of Scorpios this week. Their bad luck is extremely contagious.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars foresee no change in luck for you this week, Pisces. Your life is simply too mundane.

games & leisure

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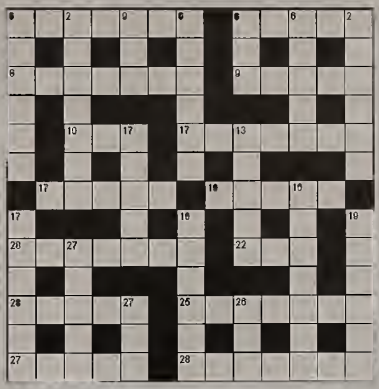

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5. Pieces of ___ (5)
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15. Last but not ___ (5)
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Down

1. Question and ___ (6)
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5. Chicken and ___ (3)
6. ___ the nettle (5)
7. Fortune ___ (6)
11. A drop in the ___ (5)
13. Secret ___ (5)
16. Helter ___ (7)
17. Health, ___ and happiness (6)
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19. Jack of all ___ (6)
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24. Let sleeping dogs ___ (3)
26. ___ his match (3)

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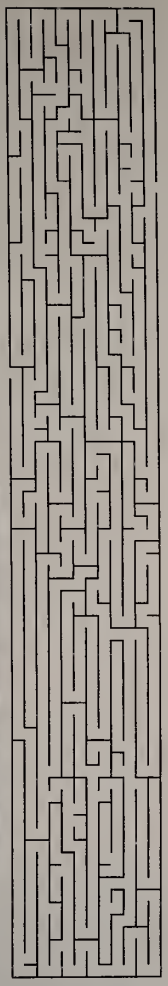

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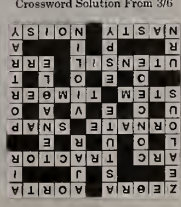

St. Patrick's Day

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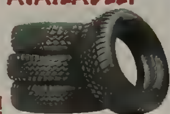

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3/17	10:00a	C&S Wholesale Job Recruitment	Ely Lobby
3/17	2:00p	Academic Skills Workshop	Banacos Center
3/17	4:00p	Career Chats	Courtney Hall Lobby
3/17	5:00p	Meditative and Contemplative Club	Interfaith Center
3/17	7:00p	Leadership Voyage: Leadership Styles	Ely 044
3/18		Oatmeal Cookie Day!	Dining Commons
3/18	3:30p	Academic Skills Workshop	Banacos Center
3/18	4:30p	Navruz Spring Celebration	Loughman Room
3/19	3:00p	Leadership Voyage: 7 Habits of HE People	Ely 044
3/19	4:00p	Leadership Voyage: Financing Grad. School	Ely 044
3/19	5:30p	Reception: Liberty Blues, Works by Terry Rooney	Arnos Maris Gallery
3/19	5:30p	Professional Networking Night—GIS Department	Scanlon Banquet Hall
3/19	7:30p	Junior Jazz Recital: Kyle Murray, Saxophone	Dever Stage
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The Westfield Voice

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

WESTFIELD STATE COTILLION

Westfield State Cotillion goes off without a hitch; Event given standing ovation at Tuesday's Student Government meeting

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

To the 200-plus that attended the Westfield State Cotillion last Friday, 'the universe is theirs.'

A revival of the Senate Banquet and Owl Ball, the Westfield State Cotillion, was made possible by efforts made by SGA executive secretary Andrew Morin, SGA legislative secretary Evelyn Dina, and the Cotillion Committee.

The event started promptly at 7 p.m. with a line of people out of the door looking to get their IDs checked and their drink bracelets affixed to their wrists.

After a social hour when attendees took photos with their dates and made use of the photo booth, the dinner started at 8 p.m.

Attendees at the Westfield State Cotillion last Friday.

A dinner choice of pork tenderloin, vegetable primavera, or a stuffed chicken breast with vegetable medley and roasted red bliss potatoes was served.

Dancing began around 9 p.m. with the DJ spinning hits all the way until the dance ended at midnight.

There were very few moments at which the dancing stopped with the DJ spinning songs ranging from "All of Me" by John Legend to "Get Low" by Lil John and the East Side Boys to "Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne.

Attendees were given stem-less wine glasses as favors before heading to the buses going back to campus.

Tickets went on sale online from Feb. 17 until March 6. They cost $33.

The event was at the Tekoa Country Club on Rt. 20 in Westfield for the first time after being held for decades at Chez Josef in Agawam.

About 250 tickets were available for sale. Morin reported at the March 17 meeting of the Student Government that 200 tickets were sold.

Shuttles carried students to the event from campus and brought them back after the event was over.

Not only was there a round of applause, but also a standing ovation given for Morin, Dina, and the Cotillion Committee at Tuesday's SGA meeting.

SGA vice president of student life Joshua Clark offered praise and congratulations for the planners of the event.

"I heard on the bus on the way back to the campus someone said this year's event was better than the already great Owl Ball event two years ago," said Clark.

Rebecca DiVico, SGA president, and Clark started the ovation, which lasted for quite a while before subsiding.

Morin and Dina thanked everybody for their support during the planning stages of the event.

There is still no word yet as to whether there will be a repeat of the Cotillion next year, but there could possibly be from what Morin said in his report.

"This event was one of the things that I really wanted to do in this position and I am so happy that we were able to pull it off," said Morin.

SGA vice president of student life Joshua Clark applauding the Cotillion at the SGA meeting on Tuesday.

Corrections and Clarifications

The front page article from last week's issue entitled, "Curt Robie and Tom Raffensperger talk to Senate about Juniper Park project, new science center, and Dever Stage renovations," was incorrectly attributed to Joshua Clark, editor-in-chief. It was actually written by Ryan Caulfield, SGA Correspondent. This was due to an editorial oversight.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Vice president of academic life Olivia Dumas reports advising survey results; Cotillion praised

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Vice President of Academic Life Olivia Dumas presents the results of the advising survey from last semester.

This week's Student Government Association meeting was expeditious due to the lack of a guest speaker. Maureen McCartney, associate dean of academic advising, cancelled last minute according to Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA. DiVico said in her report that there will not he a guest speaker next week due to an SGA honding night that will occur after the meeting. She lastly said thst SGA elections will be starting soon, and any current SGA senator could talk to her about running for the SGA president positon. "I will probably cry when we have this discussion," she jokingly said.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, spoke after the madam president and said the Presidential Search Advisory Committee met on March 23 to review the job description document in the search committee's draft. He said some revisions still remain for the committee's draft, and the university is waiting for those revisions to be done. He lastly announced that the next Board of Trustee meeting will he on April 6 in the presidential hoard room in the Horace Mann Center. Joshua Clark, vice president of student of life, said the Student Affairs Committee advocated the release of the snow removal survey results to the campus, especialiy to faculties and operations personnel. Clark said he will draft an email with the results and send it out to the campus.

He said the housing sign-ups on March 18 were successful aside from the 38 students who were affected by a glitch in the system and were subsequently moved to the second housing sign-up night. Clark stated that the university received a planning grant of $43,000 from the Kendall Foundation. He said the grant will help the university plan to expand their sustainahle food options on campus.

Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, said the health fair event this past Tuesday was very successful. He announced that the last hlood drive will be on April 15. Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, updated the senators on the results of last semester's advising survey. She presented a rundown of the survey's poll questions and students' answers in a har graph with power point slides. She said sophomores and juniors were the lowest participants in the survey, and a considerahle amount of students changed from their original academic advisors to new ones. She said the flaw with the second statistic was that students could not specify as to whether or not they changed hecause they had to, or hecause they wanted to. She then said that students reported that they spend an average of 15 to 30 minutes with their advisers. The survey, Dumas said, saw an advising approval rating of 3.8 out of 5 from students' experiences. "What students wish, overwhelmingly, they could do in advising is career planning and talk about graduate school," she said. Dumas said that with all the information they have from the survey, she and other administrators want to advocate for faculty to meet with their advisees twice a semester. The first meeting, she said, would involve advisors getting to know students and their career aspirations. She said the second meeting would he held during advising time in order for students to discuss classes for the next semester and get their pin numhers for registration. Dumas ended her report hy saying that the lihrary will follow last semester's successful lead in leaving the library open for 24 hours during the week hefore finals week. She announced that from May 3 to May 6, the library's 24-hour schedule will be in effect.

Jacoh Lotter, representative of the class of 2018, said the Academic Technology and Informational Services Committee looked at the email phishing issue hefore spring hreak. During this and last semester, attempts to gain students' personal information hy ohtaining their MyWestfield password with administrative and faculty emails has been a disturhing problem. Lotter said that the reason why administrative and faculty emails are used is hecause they act as hait to lure students. He brought up the recent Wi-Fi updates to the campus over spring hreak saying Parenzo Hall received new updates to their routers. "Older huildings on campus like Bates, Scanlon, and Parenzo, that were huilt in the 1950's, were made to withstand a nuclear attack and not Wi-Fi signals," he said producing laughs from the senators. He lastly said the lihrary will he adding new popular fiction hooks and DVDs to its inventory in the future.

Daniel Chamherlain, vice president of programming, announced the theme for Spring Weekend naming it, "American Rodeo." He also said on that on Sunday afternoon on the green, the movie "Into The Woods" will be shown.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, and Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, received high praise for their involvement for last Friday's Cotillion Dinner. Clark said, "The Cotiilion was an amazing event and I heard on the hus on the way back to the campus someone said this year's event was hetter than the already great Owl Ball event two years ago."

After Clark's statement, the SGA gave a standing ovation to Morin, Dina, and the Cotillion Committee. With no speaker at the next SGA meeting, next Tuesday's meeting will likely he even quicker than this week's.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will he March 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely hy Dunkin' Donuts.

CAREER CENTER

Students without dress clothes can now 'Suit Up for Success' thanks to new Career Center initiative

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

So you have an interview for your first real job after graduation.

The only problem is that you do not have formal dress clothes. You did not have the money to buy them, the time to get them, or both. Students in such a position now have access to suits, shirts, neckties, and other dress clothes donated by various alumni and friends of the university. The clothes are free for students without formal attire; however, there is currently an abundance of men's clothing.

"The selection is limited because we're still in the process of collecting stuff from people," said Junior Delgado, director of the Career Center. While the selection may be limited, the response has been positive.

"We tend to get things every time I send messages," said Delgado. "We have another six people who want to donate suits and other items.

"We're still putting it together. We're going to be getting things like a stand up mirror so people can look at themselves when they try on a sport coat," Delgado added. Westfield State is not the first local school to jump into this sort of program. Holyoke Community College in bordering Holyoke, Mass. offers the same program with merchandise donated by members of the community and other community-based groups. Westfield's Suit Up for Success initiative is also similar to an effort put forth by a Springfield-based group called Suit Up Springfield.

Suit Up Springfield is a community-based effort that provides clothing for young men in Springfield. Justin Roberts, development officer at American International College, and a "board of mentors," which ranges from member of the Springfield City Council to presidents of many local companies, lead it. The Suit Up Springfield effort also has the added purpose of empowering young men to change their lives in a positive way.

To date, there has been no cooperation between the Westfield State effort and Suit Up Springfield, said Delgado. Students interested in looking through the racks are asked to come down to the "store front" located on the garden level of the Ely Campus Center next to the Campus Center Service Window. The hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Questions or donations can be forwarded to Junior Delgado at jdelgado@westfield.ma.edu.

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news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

The Amherst Police Department has receoved a grant for $400,000 from the Department of Mental Health. The department will be using this grant for training to better deal with mental health crisis situations. Somewhere between seven and ten percent of police calls involve a person with a mental health disorder.

daily orange
Syracuse University

A 2013 survey revealed that 5% of SU students have no health insurance and about 25% of them are underinsured. Syracuse University is implementing a student health insurance plan that requires all full time students to have health insurance of some kind. The Syracuse plan will cost about $1,890.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Harvard Undergraduate Council discussed plans on Monday for a new program called "The Harvard Project." The new program will award a grant to a student initiative that proposes a solution to a problem on campus. The Council will award $3,000 to one proposed initiative. Some ideas have already been proposed.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

The University of Connecticut chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has lost univeristy recognition in response to incidents that took place in November of 2014. The fraternity was involved in a controversy with the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority where racial slurs were apparently used. This is the latest in a line of Greek organizations that have been suspended in the last year.

Westfield State students buzz off hair for cancer research

The participants of the 2014 Buzz Off Cancer pose with Nestor.

From Press Release

For the second year in a row, Westfield State University students will participate in One Mission: The Kid's Cancer Buzz-Off, a fundraising project that benefits pediatric cancer patients, their families, and cancer research. Students will raise funds for a month and conclude with a ceremony on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the University Hall lobby in which participants shave their heads.

The organization One Mission spreads the donations in four ways: by giving smiles, including decorating hospital rooms, giving comfort by providing caregiver relaxation, giving assistance to individual families and research grants, and giving support by providing education and outreach programs.

The Buzz-Off was organized by the Class of 2016. Last year, 20 students, faculty, and staff participated in the buzz-off and raised $7,300. Class President Ryan Losco said that surpassing their fundraising goal of $5,000 was inspirational.

"When a few council members and I presented the check to One Mission's Buzz Off last summer, the feeling was one that words cannot express," Losco said. "We were in a sea of people who all supported the same cause as us and there was nothing but positivity in the air. We heard testimonials from families who have benefited from this organization and it really made us feel like our event had a positive impact."

Losco said the Class of 2016 hopes to double the number of team members that agree to shave their heads. They also hope to raise $10,000 from this year's event and they are calling upon students, faculty, staff, and Westfield community members to donate and help them reach their goal.

"There is no better feeling than knowing your hard work is going to benefit somebody who really needs it," Losco said. "It is important for people to reach out and give a helping hand because you will never know when you will need somebody to help you."

Donations can be made by visiting the university's fundraising page at: http://my.e2rm.com/TeamPage.aspx-?teamID=580690&lang-Pref=en-CA.

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crime log

On March 15, a liquor law violation and drug law violation occurred at 12:27 a.m. in the Juniper Park lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 16, a liquor law violation occurred at 1:34 p.m. in the Parenzo West lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 16, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, larceny over $250, larceny under $250, and breaking and entering in the daytime occurred at 3:07 p.m. in the Woodward Center lot. The case is open.

On March 18, a liquor law violation and drug law violation occurred at 12:31 a.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 18, a drug law violation occurred at 1:27 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 20, a larceny occurred at 5:35 p.m. in the Dining Commons. The case is being investigated.

On March 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 2:02 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 21, assault and battery and disorderly conduct occurred at 2:21 a.m. in Welch Hall. An arrest was made.

On March 21, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:41 p.m. in University Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 22, a drug law violation occurred at 12:29 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 22, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:09 a.m. in Commuter Lot. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 23, larceny occurred at 5:42 p.m. in the Dining Commons. The case is closed.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

Westfield State presents the American musical "Avenue Q"

Dr. Mary Brown Bonacci, director of "Avenue Q," coaches students at rehearsal. The performances are set to take place from Wednesday, April 15 to Saturday, April 18 at Dever Stage.

From Press Release

Disclaimer: "Avenue Q" presents adult material that is not appropriate for children.

The Westfield State University Department of Music will present its fifth annual spring production "Avenue Q" from Wednesday, April 15 through Saturday, April 18. Performances will be held on Dever Stage nightly at 7:30 p.m. with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on April 18. "Avenue Q" presents adult material that is not appropriate for children.

The production contains 24 students as cast and crew. Student participants are enrolled in musical theatre courses and receive academic credit for their work.

Written by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, who recently won an Oscar for writing "Let it Go" from the movie Frozen, "Avenue Q" is an adult comedy that takes a whimsical and irreverent look at the realities of responsible adult life and how they contrast with the carefree freedom of youth. This musical comedy revels in adult themes, language, and humor.

The musical opened on Broadway in 2003 and has won three Tony Awards: Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, and Best Original Score. It ended its Broadway run in September 2009 and still remains one of the longest-running shows in Broadway history.

What's unique about the show is that actors perform with puppets. Dr. Mary Brown Bonacci, assistant professor of music and director of "Avenue Q," said not to be put off by them.

"Adult audiences should relate to these furry, foam characters, realizing, 'I've been there, too,' and that real life isn't always easy," Bonacci said. "Taking responsibility isn't easy, but we can't take ourselves too seriously, and when we care about each other, we'll get through the difficult, uncomfortable moments in life, and still feel pretty good."

For the third year, the set was built by students in the construction trades program at the Westfield Vocational Technical High School (WVTHS). Sabine Klein, coordinator of the theatre arts program, is serving as assistant director with musical direction by Steven Gross and technical direction by Ernie Iannaccone, technical director of Dever Stage.

Westfield State alumna Bridget Collins '13 serves as the lighting designer with costumes by Sabine Klein and student Hannah Clifford '15.

Additionally, several students helped produce the show including student stage mangers Julie Macleod '17, Eva Kernan '15, and Carly Dellapenna '17.

As stage managers, the students are responsible for assisting Bonacci in various ways include organizing rehearsals, taking diligent staging notes, and providing management backstage during the actual productions.

Dellapenna said she has enjoyed seeing "Avenue Q" from its beginning stages to the final curtain call.

"This is my first time being a part of the rehearsals from the very beginning and watching the show grow along with the actors," Dellapenna said. "With each of us being able to put our own personal touch on the show, seeing the show in its completion is truly something to be proud of."

Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the door. They can be purchased in advance online at www.westfield.ma.edu/avenue-q-tickets, and by calling the ticket hotline number at 413-572-8323. The show is set to be a fantastic hit and highliy anticipated.

from the voice vault

This article was published in the ***April 3, 2000*** *issue of* The Campus Voice.

More Band controversy

An Open Letter to Westfield State College:

Attention WSC: This is your wake-up call. Our band played this year's Battle of the Talents, and after watching both Tuesday and Wednesday's performers, we were completely satisfied with the decision of the judges. Based on the five criteria, we found the judging to be adequate, and in the case of the first place winner, completely justified.

The announcement that Traveling Mat was the winner caused, according to Campus Voice reporter Meg Farrell, "upset and shock to the crowd that participated." The booing of the winning band right in front of them was the most classless, disgusting display we have ever witnessed at WSC. If Westfield State College students want their opinions to be respected, they shouldn't act like children.

Jason Renslow was quoted in the Campus Voice saying, "Disco Village brought in the largest crowd and the most fun I have ever seen in the Ely Campus Center. It is a shame that an off-campus band was able to win over the quality of acts that our campus produces." What should really be said is that it's a shame that there was not a WSC band good enough to win. If the only way a WSC band can win 1St place is to exclude non-WSC bands, that doesn't say much about our campus bands.

Chad McGuire's column was even less rational than Farrell's article. This was made apparent when he contradicted his first statement. In his opening, he speaks of his "real world wisdom," and then later speaks of how WSC is in no way comparable to the "real world." It is especially amusing that any student at a state college is speaking of the "real world."

"Now I realize," McGuire writes, "it doesn't matter what your skills or qualifications are, what matters is who you know." This statement is incredible, in light of Mr. McGuire's assertion that the crowd's opinion should select the winners. In that case, any band who knew 200 people who were willing to show up would win. Audience reaction was only one of five criteria upon which bands were judged. Traveling Mat was the most professional act. None of the other bands could have recovered from their technical mishaps as smoothly as they did. Some of the bands were so unprofessional that they felt a need to pepper every other sentence with profanity. We gig out to bars every weekend, and never use obscene language unless it is present in the lyrics of a song, as not to alienate anyone. "Professional" also refers the quality of gear and sound reinforcement a band has. We can state, as a matter of fact, that our band brought over $10,000 in gear to the Battle of the Talents competition. We can provide an itemized list should anyone feel the need to see it. Traveling Mat was not far behind.

If Mr. McGuire and so many others have a problem with the participation of off-campus bands, why wasn't it brought up before now? Two separate issues are being confused. The first issue should be whether an outside band belongs in the contest. The second issue should be whether Traveling Mat was the best band.

My Disco Village, which the two articles in the Campus Voice seem to favor, didn't even place, let alone get cheated out of first place, so from our point of view, there really isn't any controversy to discuss. Disco Village played fine, but they are not a real band, "real" being defined as practicing regularly and steadily playing out, or practicing regularly with the intention of steadily playing out.

The number of people My Disco Village brought in is irrelevant. Let's do the math: 13 band members x 4 friends each = 52 people. If we rounded up 60 people, we would have brought in the most bodies. Does this mean that we played well? Another related point is that Traveling Mat, Elements and Lloyds Hill (all of whom placed) are real bands, not just a bunch of players who act as interchangeable parts in similar bands. If we were so inclined, we could get together a group of Berkelee grads we know who would outplay almost everyone in such an event, including us, but what would it mean?

Mr. McGuire needs to check his facts. Traveling Mat is not just a "Dave Mathews cover band." They play several original compositions which, by the way, are more complex than a repetitive bass groove over a funk beat. Also, to enlighten the uninformed, Traveling Mat outplayed every band in the contest, including ours. Our band has a combined 40 years of experience on our instruments, and I know they outplayed us. At least two of them are/were music majors from Umass, where there are many talented musicians. Before you attempt to debate us on this topic you should check yourself. We are currently making our living playing music, so we know of which we speak. Anyone who wants to dismiss our opinion because we are a cover band is welcome to do so, so long as you know that our members have played professionally (that's right, for a living) in original bands, cover bands and the like. After experiencing all types of gigs, we choose to be a cover band so that we can make money.

Finally, as Mr. McGuire suggests, anyone who wants to boycott Traveling Mat, our band, or anyone else is welcome to do so. It doesn't matter to us. The winning acts are still going to get paid, we're still going to play and you're still not going to pick the winners.

Ken Sloat, guitarist
Erin Ogulnick, manager

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Voice of the Week

First-year reminds seasoned senators of their obligations

This past Tuesday, Student Government vice president of finance Joshua Frank submitted a finance proposal to the Senate for $2,852.50 to go to the Dance Company to attend a Rochester training session in New York City. Steve Mailloux, representative-at-large, expressed that the proposal was a rather tall order and would result in a dramatically low balance in the SGA club account. But it was what was said after Mailloux that stood out. First-year Alex Doming, a rep-to-Senate from Dickinson Hall, had the courage to remind the senators that they do not have to say yes to this one if they genuinely do not believe that it is a good idea. That is why Doming is our Voice of the Week

Alex Doming

What got you to run for Student Government?
I just wanted to make sure that my voice could be heard. I felt that I really could express the view of others and use being an elected person to make sure we do things that benefit the student body.

What is your role on your Hall Council (beside being on SGA Rep)?
I try to make sure that all of the representatives on my council are on the same page with things and make sure that they're motivated and fully willing to participate in the activities in Student Government and Hall Council.

What inspired you to say what you said during the meeting?
I thought that we really needed to ensure that everybody on Student Government knows that they're there for a purpose. That purpose is to represent the views and varying opinions of the entire university.

Are you happy with the results of the vote on the proposal?
I personally thought that it shouldn't have been approved but on the other hand, it definitely seemed to reach other senators to make sure that contention within the SGA meetings is warranted if we're trying to do something productive so in that end I am happy.

> *"Along with what Steve [Mailloux] said, I think we've said yes to just about every proposal but we don't have to be afraid to oppose something."*
>
> -ALEX DOMING, DURING TUESDAY'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING, REGARDING A PROPOSAL UP FOR DEBATE THAT WOULD GRANT THOUSANDS TO THE DANCE COMPANY.

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CC Jobs Lost

by Sue Ouellette

Many students employed by the Campus Center were surprised when they arrived back on campus in January; they had lost their jobs.

Some 12 students lost their jobs, in fact, due to their ineligibility to earn the money they were earning.

According to Robert Green, Director of Financial Aid, students in the Financial Aid program received 90% of their computed need for the 1979-80 school year. Approximately $300, therefore, is not supplied by the school (or the government).

Naturally, students are anxious to make up the difference in a variety of ways through the numerous non-work study jobs on campus: Resident Advisors, cafeteria help, Campus Center employees and Student Security, to name a few.

A problem arises for the Financial Aid office, though, when students begin to earn more than they are eligible to earn within the school year. Students become "over awarded," and the Federal government expects to be paid back by the school for every dollar a student has earned above what he should have earned.

"All I want to do is create a balance of funds," said Green. "Some students receive too much, some too little. Unfortunately I have no way of knowing who is working where unless I am kept informed."

Green explained that he has urged non-work study employers on campus to ask him if a student is eligible to work before hiring him. "The problem wouldn't exist with this kind of cooperation," he said. "Instead employers wait until the end of the semester to tell me who is (and has been) working for them. As a result, jobs are lost."

At the campus Center, many people have been effected through loss of hours or jobs. "It's unfortunate," said Andy Johnson, Director, "but the Financial Aid office has a policy to abide by. We have to understand their position."

Green suggests, to aid in providing a solution to the problem, that students inquire at the Financial Aid office whether or not they are eligible to work and how much they can earn. "Sometimes you'll be surprised at the amount of money you are able to earn," he said.

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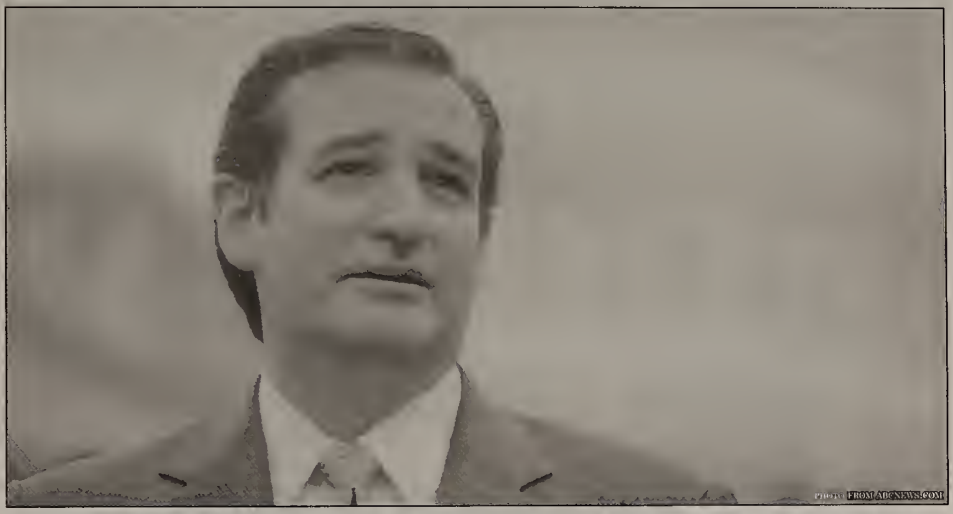
Ted Cruz leads the charge to 2016 Presidential Race



Senator Ted Cruz has announced that he will make a bid for the 2016 Presidential nomination

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

The biggest news in the GOP has been the recent announcement by Senator Ted Cruz of Texas that he is in fact making a bid for the President of the United States.

His announcement marks the start of what will be a long list of potential candidates. Senator Rand Paul and Governor Scott Walker are both expected to announce their candidacy for the 2016 election along with Governor Chris Christie and Jeb Bush.

I mean, the list could go on forever, but I believe for most Republicans these are the names we are going to be focusing on in this election cycle.

Though being roughly a year early, Ted Cruz has opened himself to the first round of "shots" in this political warzone. One of the first cornerstones that Ted Cruz will have to overcome is his "extreme" conservatism, which has been "off-putting" to the more moderate republicans. In his announcement, Ted Cruz made some very far right remarks, stating he would "dismantle the IRS" and "Repeal Obamacare" once elected ... both positions that cost the GOP many seats in contested districts in 2012.

Cruz deflated such concerns by saying that moderate Republicans would lose in a race against the Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton.

Many analysts have actually been arguing that the opposite is true. They believe that, despite Cruz's absolute stance for conservative issues, his far right beliefs will most likely cause him to lose the election against a popular Democrat.

Now, I have heard from many Republicans that they believe in Cruz because of his conservative values, though I ask you this: Does the nation want a far right conservative?

To top off these political differences, Cruz will now be fighting an even more complicated battle with his most recent speech regarding conservative Christians.

Time quotes Cruz as saying, "today, roughly half of born-again Christians aren't voting; they're staying home, Imagine instead millions of people of faith all across America coming out to the polls and voting our values."

Now, it would seem that, yet again, a Republican candidate is attempting to appeal to the Christian/religious demographic of conservatives, which is not a bad idea for a primary. However, in the case of a national election I would yet again argue that the rest of America would rather see a more secular leader than a religious one.

Now why has Cruz decided to run at this time? I believe there are a variety of reasons, though I think they can be traced to a single man: Rand Paul. I am sure many of you have seen the "I Stand With Rand" T-shirts and materials around conventions and election season.

To say it bluntly: he is Cruz's major competition. Rand and Cruz both appeal to the same demographics of the GOP: the young, the far right, and the libertarian. Most moderate Republicans write off the radical views of Rand and Cruz, but the two have won the hearts of CPAC attendees and Tea Party members year after year.

Still, I think both of them are almost forced to run this year. Each has raised significant funds for their individual super PACS and arguably are enjoying their highest level of popularity in their careers.

At this point, it is probably the only time for either to launch their bid. If they wait any longer they may find themselves at a deeper disadvantage.

Cruz's announcement was a message to the public that campaign season has officially begun. For candidates like Cruz and Paul, I do not believe the primary will be their issue; however, the election itself will be an uphill battle.

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from the editors' desks

CAB has difficult job for Spring Weekend show; join them to find out

Spring Weekend is a well-attended event on campus every year.

Complete with food and activities on the green and a concert in Woodward, the event is one that most students look forward to.

This year, controversy arose when the Campus Activities Board, the group that plans the weekend, announced that the talent will be Ashley Monroe and Joel Crouse.

While some recognized the country artists from previous work, most students took to Twitter and Yik Yak threatening transfers, ill wishes on the CAB executive board, and an en masse flooding of the group to help shape next year's concert.

An email from Susan Lamontagne, dean of students, attempted to explain the process that CAB goes through to plan the concert each year.

Tuesday, Danny Chamberlain, SGA vice president of programming, announced further details about the weekend.

The bottom line here is that not all can be made happy with the concert choice.

There are so many moving parts that go into planning the concert that there can never be a concert that everybody will be happy with.

To see the kind of complaining that we saw after the announcement was certainly disheartening.

There is no doubt that the second country-themed Spring Weekend concert in a row will be a successful one, as people will always go to the concert; it is the main attraction of the weekend!

Instead of complaining about the artist, maybe joining the organization making the plans would be a better course of action.

The easy route to take is always standing by and shouting from the sidelines.

Nobody wants to actually get involved in the fight and call the shots.

This newspaper commends the Campus Activities Board and its executive board for actually getting involved and calling the shots.

It is hard to believe that the people complaining from the sidelines would have done a better job.

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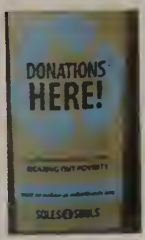

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AMERICAN IDIOT

Unexpected visitors and adventures

Nicholas Sarnelli
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I don't know what week it is numerically or chronologically or whatever, but either way here's the craic:

Since I'd rather do absolutely anything hut write the essay I'm meant to write, I suppose I should catch ye up on what I've been up to. Yes, mom, I know I said I was working on the essay.

Here's the story:

The past few weeks have been a paradoxical combination of quiet and loud, restful and busy. Let me explain.

The squad hasn't ventured far in the past month, and of course doing so (or not doing so, whichever suits you hest) has allowed us to fall even more in love with Galway.

We've been playing tour guide mostly, while still going out and having the craic and making it to college.

Well, usually.

Since returning from Amsterdam we've had a few sets of visitors:

First was Tals's mom, Patricia Joyce Naro (PJN). PJN may or may not have saved us. Not that we've heen having any trouble cooking for ourselves – really, we haven't – but the last time we had a home cooked meal made by a mother, and apparently very experienced chef, was on our visit to Canterbury when we stayed with the Lewns's. PJN actually pampered us, and it was tremendous.

It was very hard for us, especially Tals, to say goodbye to PJN. It was equally as difficult for her too because it felt like she'd only just arrived. In the short amount of time she was here, PJN had learned the layout of Galway, probably to the same extent as us (maybe better than Tals), who had heen here for 2 months hy then.

She was able to go to church, go on runs, find the Niland House (which most people who are actually from here have trouhle doing), and then make it back to her hotel which was just outside the city centre all on her own. Honestly I was impressed. It probably has something to do with her Joyce-ness. She was literally on her home turf.

Okay too many puns.

All in all, we miss PJN already.

Our next visitors were none other than Jenn and Jenn. For anyone who doesn't know, two of my very best friends are both named Jennifer. I was only aware that one of them would be visiting, however. That's right, the squad, including Jenn Tenczar (Jennczar) took it upon themselves to surprise me with Jenn Kuiig, who has heen my hest friend and neighhor since birth. I'm not quite sure how they managed to keep it from me or where my head was the numerous times they apparently slipped up without me noticing. Either way, I was pleasantly surprised – and hy pleasantly surprised I mean yes, I cried both when she arrived and when they left.

We spent four or five (I can't rememher which) days with both of them, playing tour guide and pretending we were native Galwegians. According to Microsoft Word, Galwegians is apparently not a word, but you get the point.

A few days I skipped college altogether and went on tours to the Cliffs of Moher and Connemara. As you can expect, the Cliffs were, again, magnificent. This time I was able to admire the Cliffs through my eyes rather than a camera, and I think it was actually an entirely new experience altogether. The Cliffs are, as you can imagine, an ensnaring vista.

Looking out into the sea from such a great height and thinking about your current placement in the world is humbling, yet at the same time it makes you wonder. It makes you grateful. It makes you eager. You find yourself, well, tall, but at the same time you are inexcusahly small on the vast cliffs in the vast world.

The following day we spent in Connemara.

[Sighs]

Connemara was perhaps one of the most beautiful and peaceful places I've ever had the pleasure of traversing. The view, even from inside the bus, was wonderfully serene; however, the view outside of the bus was a sight to contemplate, a sight to behold. The terrain is cluttered with mountains and carpeted with lakes and bogs, and, of course, infested with sheep. Indeed, all the rumors are true. I don't think I've ever been so excited to encounter livestock in my life. I suppose I probahly sound utterly insane. Really, I promise it's exciting if you like living creatures.

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I tried to make it out at night as much as I could with the Jenns, but the same day they arrived, I became ill. I'm not sure what I had exactly, but I know it wasn't nearly as traumatic as the severe case of mumps that Catherine got simultaneously. Yes, mumps. She also had the German measles (Rubella) one time. The girl is a warrior, I swear.

Having the Jenns around was lovely. It gave me a couple pieces of home that I missed, and as a result my hest friend is now able to understand, at least in part, what this experience means to me, and what it's doing for me. From her brief visit she understands why I love the Irish to the extent that I do, and why this country has become so important in my heart.

Also, now when I tell her stories or recap my night to her in a drunken stupor via text or FaceTime, she can actually understand (hopefully) what I was up to or the places and people I was talking about.

Roughly 40 minutes after Jenn and Jenn departed, Lauren (the friend we stayed with in London) and her roommate/friend, Morgan, arrived. Unfortunately, the girls weren't here for as long, and kind of had to cram their experience into a couple days – a couple tired, extremely hungover days. Let's just say they tried to keep up with the Irish and leave it at that. Somehow, despite their exhaustion and bouts of nausea, they still fell in love with Galway. They were very sad to leave, they said, and they wished they had more time to spend here. Really, it's amazing how quickly folks fall in love with this place.

We spent the days after Lauren and Morgan's departure preparing ourselves for Paddy's day. Before anyone attempts to correct me and say it's "Patty's day," please note that you're wrong. Sorry if that sounds sassy in some way. Really, it just spews out of me sometimes.

Anyway, Paddy's day: absolutely mental and unhelievably fun. I won't get into specifics about my drunken state, as I'm told this is being published in The Westfield Voice, but to summarize, I spent the day at what was perhaps the weirdest parade I've ever attended; in and out of my favorite puhs (in the daylight which was hizarre); at a Niland House party, which was great craic; and crowded around various artists who were playing wonderful live covers of songs on Shop Street, ranging from "You've Got the Love" by Florence and the Machine to "Thinking Out Loud" hy Ed Sheeran.

Listening to live music on the street is – not to be too dramatic – but an ecstatic, mesmerizing experience, especially when the artists look and sound the way they do. There are artists playing all over Shop Street nearly every day of the week, but to be listening and singing along, on Paddy's day, in Ireland, heside your hest friend – let's just say I haven't quite experienced anything like that. It's the purest form of bliss. While watching, Natalie and I were so captivated that we completely neglected the time and didn't make it to the grocery store to huy food for dinner before it closed.

I think I ate bread.

Natalie, Catherine, and I attempted to go back out after "dinner" hut were hungover hy 10:30, so we retreated to Supermacs for more food and then figuratively crawled home. At least I think it was figurative.

Right, no specifics.

This was somewhat of a lazy, Sparknotes version of what's been going on, but I hope to make up for it in the coming weeks after my assignments are completed. Just know that I'm not quite sure how, and I'm not quite sure why, hut I can feel myself changing.

I feel happier, which may have something or everything to do with the fact that I haven't had a shift at Big Y in nearly four months. It doesn't feel like a conditional feeling though. This feels somewhat permanent. Perhaps permanent is too definite a word; regardless, this happiness feels lasting.

I think I'm okay with that.

Oh, PS I got a tattoo.

x Nick

gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

My best friend and I have recently had a fallout. We each said things we didn't mean during a big spat, but now we're at an impasse, as neither of us can let go of the things that were said. How should I approach her to try and resolve this?

Sincerely,
Sore and Stubborn

Dear Sore and Stubborn,

You're in quite a tough situation here! I myself have never had a person speak ill of me, so I can't say that I can relate. However, two of my close friends had a fight like this back in my elementary school days. A glittery apology note did the trick then, but at this age I would suggest a box of chocolates to go along with the card. And of course, if you need a mediator when you reunite with your friend, ya girl Gail is happy to fill the position!

Good luck,
Ya Girl Gail

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Beauty sleep: preventing a bad complexion before it starts

Gina Muller
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We have all heard the phrase "prevent not cure," so why do we desperately try to eliminate blemishes, wrinkles, and poor complexion after it has already happened? The concept of beauty sleep is nothing new, but it becomes hard to get adequate amounts of sleep with a busy schedule. There is more harm in this than just dark circles and dull skin.

Lack of sleep affects the way we look. At the beginning and ending stages of sleep, growth hormones are released, and these have "beautifying effects." These growth hormones assist in collagen synthesis and a decrease of protein breakdown, which increases skin production.

When we do not get the right amount of sleep, our bodies do not produce these growth hormones. Instead, we release more of the stress hormone cortisol. Collagen is more rapidly broken down and leads to wrinkles.

Many of us have developed poor sleeping habits. A vicious cycle of staying up late and being tired in the morning is hard to fight on a day-to-day basis. Not only is being continuously tired a problem, but your immune system also suffers. Your immune system needs all the energy it can get, especially during the school year.

From fighting infections to preventing them, your immune system needs to be working efficiently. Since we have now passed the halfway mark of the semester a strong immune system is essential. By not sufficiently rejuvenating your energy supply, you try even harder to stay awake and further the energy problem.

More pain is caused by lack of sleep or poor sleep because the neurotransmitters that normally suppress pain are not refreshed properly. This extra pain drains energy, so at the beginning of the day you feel tired and exhausted even before you start.

Everyone pulls all-nighters, especially towards the end of the semester, but continuous sleep deprivation does a great deal of damage to the skin. The lack of sleep causes your skin to be prone to rough textures, dullness, wrinkles, and uneven pigmentation. Your arteries are not functioning efficiently due to the lack of sleep.

Not enough blood is being brought to the skin, sc, in addition to increased risks of heart disease and stroke, you have a decreased blood flow to the skin.

This results in the skin looking faded and unhealthy. Skin can age faster because of increased inflammation. Also, mental fatigue causes the muscles in your face to tense up, and this results in more rapid signs of aging skin. Additionally, chronic skin conditions such as rosacea are more likely to occur and linger.

If you have trouble falling asleep like myself, try these few tips to try and catch a few more hours each night:

-Keep a regular schedule.

-Avoid caffeine 4-6 hours before trying to fall asleep.

-Limit heavy meals before bed.

-Get regular amounts of exercise.

-Create a bed time ritual, such as reading, taking a warm shower or bath, or listening to soothing music

-Be careful with electronics such as computers or cell phones. The screen time interferes with sleep.

-Get comfortable by making your sleeping conditions tailored to your liking.

THE LIBERAL VIEW

Attending the Westfield Citizen's Police Academy

Erika Hayden
Layout & Design Editor

The Westfield Citizen's Police Academy overviewed patrol officer techniques and tactics and demonstrated some of the equipment they use while on duty.

Sergent Jeff Baillargeon informed the class of basic patrol procedures. The Patrol Officers are the largest division of the Westfield Police Department, and the city is covered at all times.

In 2014, the department handled 43,827 calls, issued 6,936 citations, and arrested 721 people citywide. These numbers have dropped since 2013. While some people criticized the department with inefficiency, Sargent Baillargeon said he looked at the drop in numbers as a positive change.

The number of calls was not necessarily a bad thing, said Sargent Baillargeon. "Calls to aid citizens are a big one for our department." The calls to the police department ranged from complaints about neighbors, to domestic abuse, to frozen water pipes.

Every cruiser is equipped with the following tools in order to address as many calls as possible: a radio; a first aid kit; an automatic external defibrillator (AED), a lifesaving tool that measures the heart rate and can send a charge to restart the heart; a patrol rifle; stinger spike system; and a mobile data terminal, which is a data base that holds the history of the person who is pulled over.

Each patrol officer wears a bulletproof vest, latex gloves, magazine, a quick-clot/ tourniquet, a flashlight, and their duty belt, which holds everything from a Taser and pepper spray to handgun to handcuffs.

Mindset is the most important thing that patrol officers carry with them, said Baillaregon. "Alertness, decisiveness, positivity, self-control, and determination, are all essential to the job."

In reference to some of the trickier calls he has had to respond to, Baillargeon said, "You can't lose your temper out there. Don't turn it personal. Once you get on their level, you degrade from there."

"The situation is going to go the way you want it to when you pull up to the scene. Each call is a new issue and needs to be treated that way," added Baillaregon

He said that sometimes it is hard to decompress; someone may have died at the scene before while the next call may be a complaint about dogs barking. Still, for the latter of the two callers, a dog barking is the biggest thing going on for them in that moment.

"Every caller is under the influence, it may not be drugs or alcohol, but it can be anger, sadness, or confusion," said Baillargeon.

Baillaregon explained to the class that the level of force used by an officer was determined by the behavior of others engaged and that a situation could change from passive to aggressive and back to aggressive. Compliancy of the situation is dependent on the officers' attitude as well as a person's ability to react in a given situation.

"Even if it's fun or funny it's never fun to arrest someone," said Baillargeon. This of course leads to an enormous amount of paperwork, but, simultaneously, an officer is depriving someone of his or her liberties.

In second half of the class, Baillargeon passed around a duty belt and several different types of unloaded guns. This included a handgun, a pistol, an m16 rifle, and a semi-automatic m4.

The class was instructed on how to properly handcuff someone, and Baillargeon let a pupil handcuff him under Sargent Eric Hall's watch.

Baillargeon was very well versed in his knowledge of the department. He clarified that, even if people expect the system to be chaotic like an episode of "Cops," their main objective as officers is to answer as many calls as possible.

SGA AND CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Student Government Association

Election materials and signature papers will be available starting **Monday, March 30th** at 9 AM in the SGA room, located on the garden level of Ely (017) next to Dunkin Donuts

Signature papers are due to the SGA room by **Friday, April 10th at 5 PM.**

Elections will be held on **Tuesday, April 21st** and **Wednesday, April 22nd** on MyWestfield.

If you have any questions about elections, positions or signature papers, please email execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

arts & entertainment

quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
2. Sugar - Maroon 5
3. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
4. Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding
5. FourFiveSeconds - Rihanna, Kanye West, & Paul McCartney
6. Earned It - The Weeknd
7. Style - Taylor Swift
8. Lay Me Down - Sam Smith
9. Time of our Lives - Pitbull & Ne-Yo
10. Trap Queen - Fetty Wap

top 10 albums

1. Empire: Original Soundtrack
2. Rebel Heart - Madonna
3. Spring Break... Checkin' Out - Luke Bryan
4. Fifty Shades of Grey Soundtrack
5. 1989 - Taylor Swift
6. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
7. If You're Reading This It's Too Late - Drake
8. X - Ed Sheeran
9. V - Maroon 5
10. Dark Sky Paradise - Big Sean

box office

1. Insurgent
2. Cinderella
3. Run All Night
4. The Gunman
5. Kingsman: The Secret Service
6. Do You Believe?
7. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
8. Focus
9. Chappie
10. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water

upcoming releases

1. Furious 7
2. Woman In Gold
3. 5 to 7
4. Lambert & Stamp
5. Effie Gray
6. The Longest Ride
7. Ex Machina
8. Desert Dancer
9. Clouds of Sils Maria
10. Kill Me Three Times

The mind-boggling Chris Jones

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

Chris Jones shared his hypnotic powers with the students of Westfield State University on March 21. With a combination of incredible hypnotism and some laughs, his performance was phenomenal.

I enjoyed his method of choosing volunteers. The whole audience participated in the hypnotism, and Jones picked the people that he saw were hypnotized. His technique to hypnotize us was very interesting. He had us hold out both arms – one arm as if it was holding a balloon floating upwards, and the other arm as if it was holding a brick that was getting heavier – and then look at a light, close our eyes, and sleep. I waa nervous about being picked to go up, ao I decided to watch instead of participate. His first trick was making students forget their names, so I was amused as I saw people struggling to remember.

There was one girl that got hypnotized who kept falling back asleep and tumbling out of her chair. She acted crazy during the act. For example, when Jones told the participants to dance as if they were at a club, she was hoping all around the stage.

Jones uniquely had those being hypnotized get involved with the rest of the audience. He had the hypnotized people dance with audience members or read minds in the audience, which was hilarious.

Jones also incorporated music into his performance, which made the show more fun and exciting. When he had the hypnotized people dance with the audience during a prom scene he played "Truly Madly Deeply" by Savage Garden.

The best part of the show was when Chris said at the end of the show that the people would not remember they were hypnotized until they left the room. I waited outside the door and saw a lot of confused students all of a sudden realize what they had done.

SAFE ZONE
NIGHT OUT

Join the Safe Zone Committee for an evening of reconnection and celebration as we continue to create and maintain safe spaces for the LGBTQ members of our community.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Pat Griffin, National LGBTQ Educator

CHANGING THE GAME: LGBTQ ATHLETES AND COACHES IN SPORTS

Over the last five years there has been a dizzying increase in attention to the topic of LGBTQ athletes in sports at all levels.

This talk will review the successes we can celebrate and persistent challenges we face in making sports inclusive for LGBTQ athletes and coaches.

Thursday, April 30
4:30 p.m.
Owl's Nest
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owls athletics

SOFTBALL

Owls build up steam after Spring training in Florida

Sophomore Julia Sullivan pitched a complete game in the Owl's most recent victory against Haverford. The game was the final of nine game played during the Spring Break trip to Florida

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State softball team finished their Florida road trip over Spring Break with a 4-5 record, including a 5-3 Haverford in the final game. The Owls played nine games in five days, including four doubleheaders.

The Owls started their tour in Minneola, where they opened their season with an 8-2 win against The Sage College. The Owls trailed 2-0 before erupting for eight runs. Sophomore Emma Dunbar had a pair of hits in the game and scored two runs, including the game winner in the fifth inning, to lead the Owls to victory.

The second game of the season for the Owls came later that day, a 5-1 loss to Richard Stockton University. Julian Cosetta drove in sophomore Elizabeth Kelly for the lone Westfield run, but the Ospreys ran away with the win after scoring three runs in the fourth inning.

Games three and four resumed the next day in Minneola, splitting the doubleheader against Bethany College and Transylvania University. The Owls fell to Bethany, 6-5 in extra innings. Dunbar went three for three with two runs scored in that game, but it was not enough as Bethany scored the game winner on a wild pitch by Sullivan, who took the loss. The Owls made up for their loss by defeating Transylvania 3-0. Senior Emily Mailloux pitched a complete game shutout while striking out seven, with Kelly hitting a three-run homer in that game.

The next two games would also be part of a doubleheader against Simmons College and Lakeland College. They lost against Simmons 7-1 as the opposing team scored six runs in the fourth inning. Kelly had an RBI triple to drive in the only run for Westfield.

However, in the second game, the Owls won defeated Lakeland by a score of 6-4. Tied at four in the top of the seventh, Dunbar drove in the game-winning run with a two-out, two-run single.

Following a day of rest, Westfield faced the University of St. Thomas, losing 8-3. Julia Sullivan played well, giving up only two runs in 4.1 innings. Unfortunately, the Owls' offense was not as stellar, as they managed only three hits in the game.

The final day in Florida featured two games once again, with the Owls losing the first game against Moravian College 4-1 and winning the second game against Haverford. In the first game, the Owls scored an unearned run for their only score of the game. In the Haverford game, sophomore pitcher Julia Sullivan spun a complete game in the tilt, with Westfield scoring four runs in the first inning.

Dunbar leads the Owls offense with a .458 batting average and four RBI. Kelly has also been impressive for the Owls as leads the team with seven RBI. On the pitching side, Mailloux leads the way with a 2.63 ERA in six appearances. She has a 2-1 record with two complete games already this season.

Due to inclement weather, the Owls' last five games have been postponed until further notice. Their next scheduled game, depending on the weather, is a doubleheader against Western New England on March 31 at 3:30.

Lacrosse ends four game losing streak against Nichols

Michael Barry
Voice Reporter

The Westfield Women's Lacrosse team defeated out-of-conference opponent Nichols 12-9 to record their first victory of the season. The team was lead by junior Meg Griffin, who scored 7 goals in the win.

The Owls were the first to score, putting the first goal of the game past Nichols goalie Katherine Cotton with just 13 seconds off the clock. The Owls would rally around their early momentum by scoring again less than a minute later.

Westfield continued to pile it on, scoring four more goals in the first eight minutes of the game. With such a commanding lead, it would have been easy for Nichols to roll over and give up. However they battled back, scoring four of the next five goals to put the score at 7-4 at the half.

Westfield dominated the first half in terms of total shots and shots on net. With 20 shots total in the first period, including 15 of them on net, Katherine Cotton did a great deal to keep this game competitive. Nichols also managed to keep things close in turnovers and ground balls. Although the score entailed a blowout, this game was far closer than it seemed.

Nichols' Alyssa Bufis scored the first goal of the second half, putting the score at 7-5 in favor of Westfield. But the Owls quickly responded with back-to-back goals from juniors Meg Griffin and Steph Lenhardt, giving the Owls a much more comfortable 9-5 lead. However, this lead may have been too comfortable since the Bison were able to string together a three-goal run that cut the Westfield lead back down to one.

Offensive leader Meg Griffin then took the game into her own hands. Scoring 3 straight goals in the next five minutes, Griffin put Westfield up by four once again by a score of 12-8. Griffin's dominance was too much for the Nichols' defense to overcome, and it was the only real edge that Westfield had. Nichols were able to score one more goal with 6:36 left in the second half, but it wasn't enough.

Griffin did not only score the majority of Westfield's goals, but she was extremely efficient in her shooting - her seven goals came on just eight shots. Nichols ended up putting up better numbers in the second half than Westfield in every statistic other than saves, but it was the initial offensive attack by Westfield is what separated them in the end. Lead by Griffin, the Owls offense was able to put enough points on the board to come away with the victory.

With the win, Owls improve to 1-4 on the season. They play next on March 26 at Lasell College.

Scores of Post Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, March 19th
W LAX at Johnson & Wales L 11-12
Baseball vs Albertus Magnus PPD
Softball vs Becker PPD
Saturday, March 21st
W LAX vs Nichols W 12-9
M/W Track at Wesleyan U. Invite 11:00 a.m.
Baseball vs Mitchell College PPD
Sunday, March 22nd
Softball (DH) vs WPI PPD
Tuesday, March 24th
Baseball vs Elms (canceled)
Wednesday, March 25th
Softball at Sage Colleges (DH) PPD
Baseball vs Elms College PPD

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, March 26th
W LAX at Lasell 3:30 p.m.
Baseball at Springfield PPD
Saturday, March 28th
Softball at Bridgewater State PPD
W LAX vs Worcester State 1:00 p.m.
M/W Track at Coast Guard Invite
Baseball at Bridgewater State PPD
Tuesday, March 31st
Baseball at UMass Boston 3:30 p.m.
Softball vs WNEU (DH) 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1st
Baseball at WCSU PPD
W LAX vs Smith 7:00 p.m.

Field Hockey earns national recognition for academics

Kelsey Carpenter was honored by the NFHCA after achieving a 3.9 GPA for the Fall semester. She ranked second in the conference in saves with 11 while also continuing to succeed in the classroom and on campus.

WSU Athletic Department

Kelsey Carpenter and the Westfield State University field hockey team have been honored by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association for their academic achievements.

Carpenter was individually recognized for being a 2014 Gladiator by SGI / NFHCA Division III Scholar of Distinction by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association for having achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher through the first semester of the 2014-2015 academic year.

The senior back ranked second in the conference in defensive saves with 11 this season. She was also named Little East Conference field hockey "defensive player of the week" twice this season and was also received All-Little-East honors by being named to the 2nd all-conference team for the 2014 season.

She finished 2014 with two goals and three assists for seven points. In her time at Westfield State she played in 72 games, totaling four goals, seven assists and 33 points.

The Westfield State team was honored with 2014 Gladiator by SGI / NFHCA Division III National Academic Team Award having a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Sixteen members of the Owls team posted at least 3.0 grade point average in the fall semester.

Congratulations to Intramural Champions

Congratulations to the Spring 2015 Men's Indoor Soccer champions, Brian Kokioszvia, Seamus Geehan, Steve Medlin, and Deshab Mainai and the Dead Beat Creeps

Congratulations to the Spring 2015 dodgeball champions, Andrew Kinney, Chris Sampson, Jam Graham, Timmy Randall, and Dirt Nazzaro and Hit It and Quit It

Intramural Standings

5v5 Basketball Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	6	0	0	12
2	HYFR	3	2	0	6
3	Touchdown My Pants	2	1	0	4
3	Washed Up	2	3	0	4
3	Heart Over Height	2	1	0	4
5	Founding Fathers	1	2	0	2
7	Creepy Crabs	0	2	0	0

5v5 Basketball Skilled-East

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	69ers	2	0	0	4
2	Hit It And Quit It	2	1	0	4
2	Rocket Power	2	1	0	4
4	Moose and the Boys	2	1	0	4
5	OGBC	1	2	0	2
6	Octopus C's	1	3	0	2
7	Pippen Ain't Easy	0	2	0	0

Women's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Franzia United	3	0	0	6
2	Hooters	0	3	0	0

Men's Soccer

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Deadbeat Creeps	7	1	0	14
2	Below Average Andy's	5	1	1	11
3	Bustin Bruins	5	2	0	10
4	Rocket Power	4	1	0	8
4	The Blazers	4	3	0	8
6	Team X	2	2	1	5
7	The 30's	2	5	0	4
8	To Be Determined	1	3	1	3
8	OGBC	1	6	1	3
10	I Yer Sister	1	7	0	2
10	Bucks	1	7	0	2

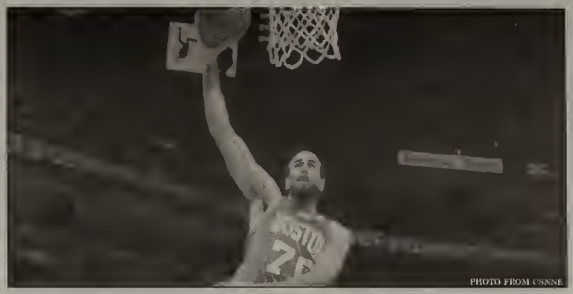
Dodgeball West Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	Touchdown My Pants	10	0
2	69ers	8	2
3	Hit It And Quit It	6	2
4	Below Average Andy's	6	4
4	Bucks	6	4
6	Gotta Catch'em All	5	5
6	Space Monkey Mafia	5	5
8	The 30's	3	8
9	Scanlan Sloots	2	8
10	McBuckets	1	9

Dodgeball East Division

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses
1	The Creepy Crabs	9	2
2	Deadbeat Creeps	7	4
3	Do Your Job	7	4
3	Carpet Cleaners	6	4
5	Mause and the Boys	6	4
6	OGBC	6	5
6	Back That Pass Up	6	8
9	Double D's	2	9
9	We're Aiming For The Fat Ones	1	10
10	Booze Brothers	0	11

Luigi Datome becomes new Celtics fan favorite



Italian born Luigi Datome was recently acquired from the Detroit Pistons by the Celtics. Datome is recognizable by his beard and pony tail but for his versatile style as a stretch forward who can shoot the ball effectively.

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

At 6'8", wherever Luigi "Gigi" Datome goes he will be seen. If it's not for his height, it's for his well-groomed pony tail and beard combination. This standout look, as well as his dynamic and versatile play, has definitely helped raise his popularity among Celtics fans.

Datome was born in Montebelluna, Italy, just north of Venice. He began his professional career at the age of sixteen for Montepaschi Siena of the Lega Basket Serie A league. After four years Datome played for a different Italian professional team Scafati Basket, though his stint would only last a year.

The following season, while playing for Virtus Roma, Datome hit his stride and began getting recognized for his play, even winning the best Italian League Player Award. Just a few years afterwards, he was named Italian League MVP for his superb level of play.

It was around the same time that other notable Italian players began playing in the NBA. In 2007, Marco Bellinelli was a first round draft pick, having previously played for Fortitudo Bologna. Just the year before, Andrea Bargnani was the number one overall pick in the draft by the Toronto Raptors. Datome had these same aspirations, and it was evident he would stop at nothing until he achieved his goal.

During the 2013 NBA season, Datome finally reached the NBA after the Detroit Pistons decided to sign Datome to a 2-year, $3.75 million dollar contract. In Datome's first season on the Pistons, he saw action in 34 games, averaging seven minutes a game. Datome struggled in first few seasons as he was trying to find his role on a team that was trying to find its identity.

This year, he only played three games with the Pistons before being sent to the D-League, where he played for the Grand Rapids Drive. Just a month after being sent down, he was traded to the Boston Celtics, along with Jonas Jerebko, for Tayshaun Prince.

Datome did not play in his first three games. Since then, he has seen double digit minutes in five games and scored in double digits three times. Clearly, Datome is not going to be the face of the franchise, but his role on the team has become more apparent as each day progresses. He shows an immense amount of skill, as he can get by bigger defenders, he can shoot over smaller defenders, and he has sbown that he isn't afraid to hustle and go after rebounds.

Datome has found a place where he enjoys the atmosphere and is finally getting some minutes. Celtics fans surely appreciate what he does, and we'll get to see more of him in the future.

Bruins Slip

B's fall out of legitimate Stanley Cup contention with poor 2015 performance as they attempt to hang on to a low-seeded playoff spot in the strong East

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

After a strong January run that sparked for a playoff run, the Bruins have had a subpar record since then, eliminating their chances to become legitimate contenders.

A team that was easily one of the best in hockey just a few years ago, the Bruins have been the exact opposite in recent months, going 3-6-3 in February and 5-3-3 in March as of Wednesday. With the season nearly over, it's time to ask what happened to this once-great team.

My problem is not with the starting goaltending; Tukukka has played well, even if he did have a few poor games. Unfortunately, Claude Julien has given him little rest, which has drastically affected his recent performance.

Svedberg and Subban haven't been helping the cause, however. Subban played one game against St. Louis, and the Blues demolished him. Svedberg hasn't been much better.

Although both are just starting off, I feel as if they have contributed little to helping Rask or the Bruins.

Seidenberg, once one of the top defensemen in the league, has not been showing the same consistency that made him such a skillful player.

Although Seidenberg has been as brutal as he normally is, he just hasn't been the same player since his injury. Maybe he came back too early, or perhaps it's his age, but either just does not look like he is fully healthy.

I rarely agree with Michael Felger, but when it comes to this guy, Felger and I might as well be best friends when it comes to Reilly Smith. Smith had good numbers last year, but this year's numbers have been horrendous.

Even worse, despite his awful stats, Chiarelli still rewarded him with a 2-year extension. Smith has been a scratch as of late, and frankly it's uncertain at this point if he'll recover from this slump.

I can't say much about Peter Chiarelli, Campbell, Kelly, McQuaid or Paille because I'm afraid they will offend people. Chiarelli needs to get his act together or his job as GM is going to be open.

Bergy, Krug, Pasternak, Spooner and Dougie were the few bright spots for an otherwise awful season. Marchand and Lucic have been inconsistent, but because they've been surrounded by a below average team, they've received little credit.

With just a few games left, the best the Bruins can hope for is a low seed in the playoffs, although it's much more likely we may not see the Boston Bruins in the playoffs.

Considering how poorly they've been playing, do we really want to put ourselves through a playoff with an early exit?

Milan Lucic and the Boston Bruins have had a difficult February and March. As the NHL season winds down, the Bruins hope to save a playoff spot in the East[that look more like the Rangers to lose every day.

16 Sounds So Sweet

Only sixteen teams still have dreams of capturing a national title and two remaining weekends of games are sure to live up to the hype of March Madness

The NCAA tournament brings the United States to a standstill for three consecutive weekends every year in March. Georgia State and UAB, both fourteen seeds, were the two stunning upset in the first round this year. The Sweet Sixteen and Elite Eight will be played from Thursday to Sunday and they are sure to bust brackets even more so than before. Kentucky continues their undefeated run and anyone and everyone will be itching for their shot at the favorites.

Jon Rebmann
Voice Reporter

The first two rounds of this year's NCAA Tournament included a plethora of upsets and surprises, ranging from two number three seeds losing to 14 seeds to Michigan State's win over Virginia. With only sixteen teams remaining, it's time to make some predictions on which ones will continue their run and which ones will come up short.

As little as it seemed UCLA even deserved to be in the Tournament, it's become evident that the Bruins could make a potential Final Four run. Bryce Alford has far exceeded all expectations, averaging 24.5 points per game while shooting .750 from beyond the arc. Tony Parker has also been a driving force for the Bruins, scoring 28 points and grabbing 12 rebounds against the Blazers in their third round game.

Although their game against SMU wasn't a large margin of victory, they effectively handled UAB, who not long before knocked three seeded Iowa State out of the Tournament, shooting just 43.9% from the floor. Their free throw percentage wasn't much better, sinking only 50% of their shots from the line.

Although it's unlikely that the Bruins will win it all, they've certainly shown that they can handle the pressure of tourney time. At the very least, expect them to put some pressure on Gonzaga, but don't be surprised if they make a run all the way to the Final Four.

Another surprise team out of the Tourney is NC State, who have solid victories over LSU and top seeded Villanova. Both of the games were won by a combined four points, but it was their immense level of play that proved why they're one of the most dangerous teams in the field.

NC State has proven to be formidable when facing better opponents, knocking off Duke, Louisville and UNC in the regular season, as was the case against Villanova.

Four players scored in double digits, but it was their defense that ultimately led them to victory, holding the Wildcats to just 31.1% shooting from the floor, which is especially impressive considering the Wildcats averaged 47% on the season to go along with 76.3 points per game, good for 38th in the nation.

One of the reasons that NC State is able to stay so successful is their ability to grab rebounds. On the season, they've averaged 37.8 rebounds per game, including 45 against Villanova and 41 against LSU.

If NC State can continue to grab rebounds and play their stellar defense, NC State could emerge from the already-weak East. Who knows, they might even give Duke a run for their money, assuming the Blue Devils get that far.

Arizona has to be the strongest team in the Tournament thus far. Although they haven't had any challenges thus far, the Wildcats have proven more than worthy of a title run, thanks to the likes of Stanley Johnson and T.J. McConnell.

Although Johnson managed only four points against Ohio State, he grabbed 10 rebounds after averaging 6.6 boards per game on the season. In his game against Texas Southern, Johnson was much more impressive, scoring 22 from the floor while shooting 73% from the floor.

McConnell has been the unsung hero for the Wildcats, however, after averaging 15.5 points per game off 62% shooting. His defense has been even better, managing nine steals and 10 rebounds between both games.

Although Arizona will have to get past Wisconsin and Kentucky first, the Wildcats are one of the most rounded teams in the tournament thus far, and you can bet that they'll make a late run if they continue to play as well as they do.

With just 15 games remaining, anything can happen as one of the most exciting tournaments in all of sports comes down to its final games. If there's anything I've learned in all my years as a bracketologist, it's that it's not over until over.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 - April 20):
Academic struggles are on the horizon for you, Aries. The stars think it would be best for you to quit dabbling in biochemistry and pursue a career in flash dancing.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Your tense few days will spark a lover's spat. Pick up some flowers and chocolates--it was probably all your fault.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
A big promotion at work awaits you. It's too bad you're not qualified for the job.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Time to visit grandpa. He misses you.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
What you're doing is wrong. I know it. You know it. The stars know it.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
You've been itching to find love and companionship. However, Virgos are better suited for a lifetime of solitude.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Everyone may be calling you paranoid, but your theory that your friends have started an underground fight club without you is true.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
An explosive fight between you and a Taurus is bound to erupt this week. Don't fret--it was all their fault.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
A surprise guest will be visiting you this week. Keep your doors and windows locked tight.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Avoid all Cancers with whom you have a brutal rivalry.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Reality check--you can't keep this charade up for much longer.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
Your future is as cloudy as the forecast this week, Pisces.

games & leisure

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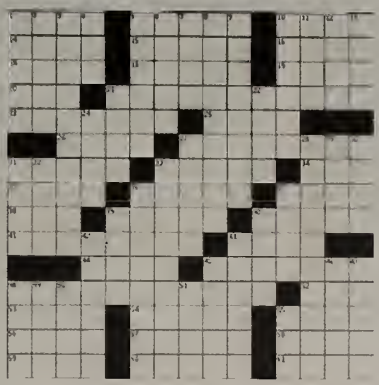

Down
1. In base eight
2. Cello relative
3. Reclusive star of TV's "Wagon Train"?
4. Lion's place
5. Singer Morissette
6. Wet behind the ears
7. Sailor's saint
8. Exposing human folly to ridicule
9. Worth of some opinions?
10. Protection for a cyclist
11. "What's the big ___?"
12. Musician Shankar
13. Olympic track champion Zatopek
21. "___ Old Cowhand"
22. Some compass pts.
24. Blind as ___
27. Not even once
28. What a court panel hearing an accident case has?
29. "Magnet and Steel" singer Walter
30. Needing liniment
31. Male red deer
32. Norwegian royal name (Var.)
33. Stalag number in a classic film
36. Steel the writer
37. "Not worth ___ cent"
39. Growl
40. Low, one-horse box sleigh
42. Lizard in a Tennessee Williams title
43. Most mentally sound
45. "Hasta la ___!"
46. Couric of "Today"
47. Big-mouthed pitchers
48. Kind of tea
49. Dunn or Ephron
50. Tried to beat the tag
51. Round of applause
55. Tripper's turn-on

Across
1. "Amores" poet
5. "___ of robins in her hair"
10. Bring on board
14. French flick
15. TV title on a license plate
16. Cheese from Holland
17. Word with ghost or Our
18. "We ___ please!"
19. First name in jeans
20. King preceder
21. Bill that's delivered orally?
23. Wyoming city
25. Surrealist painter Magritte
26. Advanced bus. degrees
27. They end a century
31. White House designer James
33. Religious factions
34. South Vietnam's ___ Dinh Diem
35. What little things mean
36. Hindu deities
37. Partly open, as a door
38. Sprinted
39. Chairman's mallet
40. Plum puckered out?
41. Bachelor's supper, maybe
43. Person bringing a case
44. Put on pounds
45. Tyler Moore's co-star
48. Write a policy on a certainty?
52. Margery of nursery rhymedom
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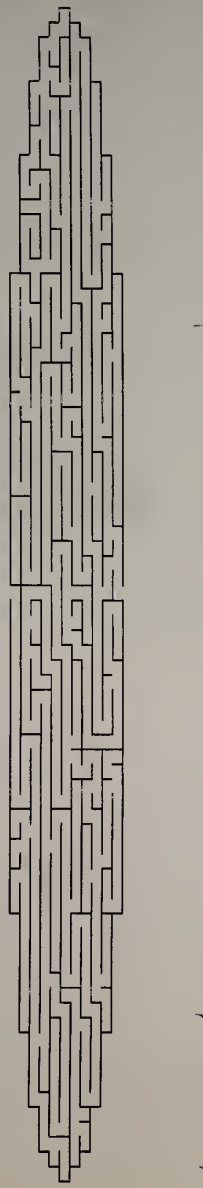

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3/27	7:30 p	Dance Company (3/28 at 2 pm)	Dever Stage
3/27	8:00 p	Trivia & Movie—The Wedding Ringer	Owl's Nest
3/28	7:30p	Mr. Westfield	Dever Stage
3/28	8:00p	Movie Weekend—The Wedding Ringer	Owl's Nest
3/29	11:00a	Mass	Interfaith Center
3/30		Spring Weekend Concert Tickets On Sale Today	www.westfield.ma.edu/tickets
3/30	12:30 p	Catherine Dower Student Recital Series	Dever Stage
3/30	6:00p	MTEL Workshops	Wilson 418
3/31		National Tater Day!	Dining Commons
3/31	2:00p	Reflecting On Midterm Progress	Banacos Center
3/31	4-6 p	Career Chats	Lammers Hall
4/1	11:30a	Commuter Luncheon—Counseling Center	Tekoa Room
4/1	7:00p	Women's Lacrosse v. Smith College	Alumni Field
4/1	7:30p	Lenten Bible Study	Interfaith Center
4/1	7:30p	Convoy of Hope Club	SGA Club Room
4/3	12:00p	Baseball v. Worcester State	Alumni Field
4/3	12:00p	Softball v. Worcester State	Alumni Field
4/3	3:00p	Stations Of The Cross	Interfaith Center

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Fri 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Sun 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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MR. WESTFIELD 2015

TWO MORE WISHES GRANTED

Mr. Westfield show raises $15,000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation; Justin Connolly wins pageant, Dan Fullam is top fundraiser

Mr. Westfield contestants and members of the councils of the classes of 2015 and 2017 posing after the wildly successful show on Saturday night. The show raised $15,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which will be used to grant two wishes.

Mr. 2016 Justin Connolly delivers his victory speech after winning the Mr. Westfield pageant. He was also voted Mr. Congeniality.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Two wishes were granted thanks to donations made through the fourth annual Mr. Westfield pageant, which took place last Saturday.

12 contestants competed against each other to raise money and show off their talents all for a good cause, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The talent was Mr. 2015 Dan Fullam, Mr. 2016 Justin Connolly, Mr. 2017 Andrew Manchino, Mr. 2018 Alex Veher, Mr. Apartment Complex John and Patrick Bartel, Mr. Commuter Nic Odell, Mr. Davis Miles Cipriano, Mr. Dickinson Anthony Swenson, Mr. Lammers Jon Cubetus, Mr. Lansdowne Wayne Barnahy, Mr. New Hall Nick Smarra, and Mr. University Hall Jeff Gruber.

The total amount needed to grant a wish went up from last year's cost of $6,000 to $7,500, requiring extra effort out of this year's contestants.

The show regularly turns out a crowd, and this year was no exception. Dever Stage was packed to the hrim with tickets being sold out before the 7:30 p.m. performance.

To pull off the event, the class of 2015 and class of 2017 councils worked together, choreographing dance routines, pushing fundraising efforts, and putting together all of the logistics required.

When it was said and done, all of the hard work of the sophomore and senior classes proved to worth it.

Before the ticket sales and "pass the bucket" donations were counted, $12,500 was donated to the contestants and the Mr. Westfield program.

With a cost of $7,500 per wish, the show initially granted only one wish with fundraising well on target to grant another.

However, an anonymous good Samaritan came up to Rich Darrach, president of the class of 2015 after the show asking what the remaining balance was on the second wish.

Once Rich told him it was $2,500, the donor said he would have a check in the mail soon.

With the anonymous donation, the fundraising was brought to $15,000, making Mr. Westfield 2015 the most successful show to date with the granting of two wishes.

The show was fun for everybody in attendance. The contestants showed that they worked hard to practice their routines and put on a good show for the spectators.

Mr. 2015 Dan Fullam was the leading fundraiser with over $2,000

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NEW SCIENCE CENTER

Science center gets its last beam; Project "on time and on budget" says contractor and university

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

(top left) Workers attached a strap to the last beam of the new science center. Members of the university community were invited to sign the beam as part of tradition. (top right) Iron workers attach the beam to the structure.

The new science center's last beam was attached to its structure on Tuesday.

Members of the campus community were invited to sign the beam before it was hoisted to the top, along with its Christmas tree and American flag, and screwed into the structure by two brave ironworkers.

Kenneth Lemanski, vice president of advancement and university relations, spoke of the hard work done by the ironworkers and contractors who worked during the "short pockets of good weather that we had over the last couple of months."

Elizabeth Preston, interim president, spoke of the massive amounts of people who worked together to get the project started.

Thanking the faculty members who will be teaching in the building, she mentioned all of the hard work that was done to make sure all of their needs were met before the first shovel hit the ground.

The architects, contractors, members of campus governance such as the All-University Committee faculty, students, staff, and administration were also thanked.

After representatives of the architectural firm and the contractors spoke, Lemanski gave Curt Robie, director of capital projects and, until recently, the associate vice president of facilities and operations, an opportunity to speak to all of the praise given to him by the previous speakers.

Robie spoke of Wilson Hall's construction when he was a freshman living in Davis Hall. According to his story, him and his friends stole the ceramic blocks to make bookshelves for their rooms. They had to give them back of course, but the point was to demonstrate how long he has been involved in capital projects at this university.

Once Robie was through speaking, a last call for signatures was made.

The beam was hoisted in the air via crane and, after about three minutes, the beam was affixed to the structure.

The 54,000 square foot building will be the first academic building built on the Westfield State campus in forty years.

The new building attached to Wilson Hall is expected to be open in the fall of 2016.

It will house classes dedicated to the STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics — fields as well as Nursing and Allied Health.

The university recently hired Jennifer Hixon to lead in the creation of the first public Physician's Assistant program in New England. Hixon has experience creating similar programs at Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Mass. and Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

The advancements being made to the sciences at Westfield State only makes the new science center ever more necessary.

Visitor to campus arraigned in Westfield District Court after November fight over Snapchat video

From news reports

An altercation related to the popular social media app Snapchat has led to the arraignment of 19-year-old Haverhill resident, Jacob Fraser, with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

According to the November 2014 crime log released by Public Safety, Fraser, a visitor of a resident at the university, was arrested at 1:54 a.m. on Nov. 22, 2014 on Scanlon Rd.

According to an article published on MassLive.com, the unidentified victim had been nursing a black eye and cuts to his face.

The victim was supposedly recording a video of Fraser for a Snapchat post, which resulted in the accused getting angry and charging the victim.

According to Public Safety, Fraser did not deny the attack.

He punched the victim because he felt as though he was about to be attacked by the victim.

Public Safety issued Fraser a summons and a trespass notice. He was released Wednesday on personal recognizance.

This follows an arrest made of a student found with a gun and knife in his possession. The student alleged the gun was for a security job that he held off-campus.

'Pizza with the candidates' announced

From news reports

Andrew Morin, SGA executive secretary, announced at Tuesday's SGA meeting that 'Pizza with the Candidates' will be done this year as well.

The event will be held April 15 at 4 p.m. in the Owl's Nest.

The event is an opportunity to listen to candidates for SGA and Class Council.

DAVIS HALL ON LOCKDOWN

Residence Life holds meeting with Davis Hall residents after charges surpass CLEAR standards

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

In the wake of the recent series of barbaric damages to Davis Hall that resulted in the men of the hall being severely punished, an unlikely, mandatory meeting was held by Jon Conlogue, executive director of residential life, in conjunction with Hidayra Ramos, residential director of Davis Hall. The meeting took place on March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Davis Hall Common Room located across from the ball's main door. The students, all male, were required to sign in and provide their hall keys to prove they lived in the building.

"I cannot believe you guys enjoy this. It is embarrassing how immature you are all acting," Conlogue said calmly to the lively and crowded room. Over 75 students were sprawled into different corners of the lounge, sitting on a pool table and by the back windows, with a line of students sitting on a couch in front of Ramos and Conlogue.

Ramos said that this semester Davis Hall has had around 30 incidences regarding large amounts of urine, vomit, and bloody condoms on the bathroom floor. The damages are primarily in the third floor all-male bathroom, with the exception of two of the incidents occurring on the second floor bathroom.

One of the male students asked why they all had to be at the meeting, to which Conlogue blatantly explained that it was because apparently no one in the room knew how to urinate in the toilet properly. Taking the students into the bathroom, Conlogue compared the students to the preschoolers that his wife cares for. "It is not the maintainers' job to clean up right after you go to the bathroom. You are college students," Conlogue said.

A student asked what would happen if they find the culprit responsible for the damages. Conlogue said he believes that it is more than one student causing the damages, but that, if the offender were one person, he would be billed for the damages — now totaling over $1,000. "Whoever it is," he said, "they do not belong at this particular college." A student said he wanted to know why all of the men that do not live on the third floor are being punished, and why even the women are not being suspected.

Conlogue answered that it would not be fair to accuse the woman since they lack access to the damaged bathrooms, and he added that the hall charges are split up by gender when it comes to the bathroom. He also said that the situation has gotten out of hand, and, in his 30 years working in residential life, putting sanctions on students to stop the issues has seen success.

This past week, male students have had their guest privileges suspended completely. Male residents were not allowed to host students outside of Davis Hall or people from off-campus. The only way male guests were let into Davis Hall was by having a female sign them in. Female students were heavily advised not to sign in any guests on behalf of a Davis Hall male resident or else all the female guest privileges would be taken away as well.

Male students also have to present their Davis Hall room key to the staff to show that they are a Davis Hall resident, and the extra staffing needed for this verification was billed to damages already noted.

"Checking our keys every time we walk in will not solve the problem," a student said. Another student chimed in and said a real investigation should be done before accusing all the men in the building. A section of men addressed that they lived on the third floor, and one said, "we all came together the past couple of days and asked each other who was doing this to come clean and everyone said they're innocent. I honestly believe everyone. The person doing this has to be from another hall."

Ramos said that there is a way to check the bathroom logs to see who enters and leaves based on a student's A-number. She said that after the maintainer finds the puddle of urine they report it as soon as they can, and then Res Life looks at the logs to see who was there before the maintainer entered. "All the A-numbers before the maintainer entries have been males who primarily live on the third floor, so one of you are lying," she said.

Conlogue added that the culprit could also be student living outside of Davis Hall who is using his friend's ID to access the bathroom. One of the students living in the ball said he has not seen any large amounts of urine at all, and be hinted at foul play by the maintainers.

Ramos disputed the notion by saying the maintainers took photos of the damages. A large number of voices in the room advocated for Res Life's release of the photos. Ramos said the students who do not believe her could come to her office and see the images by appointment.

Another issue the students had was the cost of the damages. "I worked in a nursing home and it honestly was not that big of a deal cleaning up urine," a student said. Conlogue said it is not the maintainers' job to clean up a biohazard-type mess daily, and each of the cleanups costs a minimum of $100. A student asked who would ever turn themselves in with the knowledge that they could be expelled. Another student answered saying, "I know when the person is caught they're not going to pay off the damages. I also know my parents do not want to pay for something I did not do."

After this statement, an agitated student said out loud, "It is not fair for all us to be charged. It is basically we are guilty until proven innocent and we will never prove anything, you know that." It took a while to calm down the room after that, and the residential assistants accompanying Conlogue and Ramos helped to quiet the room.

After, Conlogue said, "It is up to you guys to figure out the solution to this, you guys can make the change." He said the students could propose a compromise to revert some of the sanctions on their privileges so they do not intervene with guests coming to the ball for spring weekend.

Out of all the proposals, one student suggested that all the men's IDs only unlock the bathrooms corresponding to their floor, and they would have to really be careful letting other people use their ID's for the bathrooms. Almost all men clapped and cheered loudly at the proposal. Conlogue said if the students write the proposal on paper and get the proper signatures, Res Life will start to implement it if it moves the situation in the right direction. The student asked if they could have a clean slate with the proposal and have the charges dropped in to give the men a second chance. Conlogue replied that it could not be done.

After an hour, the meeting ended, and walking back to the hall some students yelled, "This was a complete waste of time," and, "Might as well call it Davis Penitentiary Hall."

When asked if the proposal the men thought was best was really the best plan of action, Conlogue said, "I don't know which one is the best, but we'll see how serious the guys are in planning and carrying it out with Hidayra."

On Monday, March 30, four days after the meeting, a maintainer found urine all over the third floor men's bathroom. On April 1 Ramos said the proposal to have IDs only unlock the bathrooms

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news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

Emmanuel Bile Jr., the first of four men to be tried for the 2012 rape of a UMass Amherst freshman, has been found guilty of two counts of aggravated rape. The verdict was received at around 2:00 p.m. on Monday and sentencing is set for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The victim testified in court but was not present at the reading of the verdict.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Actress Taraji Henson of the recent hit television show, "Empire," will be speaking at Syracuse University on Wednesday, April 1. Tickets are available for $2. This exciting event will be held in the Goldstein Auditorium. The talk is being presented for students by the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the Graduate School of Design at Harvard will be launching a joint Master's degree program at the end of the semester. The degree will be in engineering design, though the faculty must still vote on the program. The process is running into some difficulties coordinating programs and curriculums.

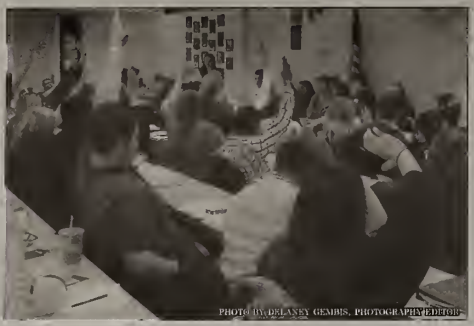
the daily campus
University of Connecticut

The Board of Trustees of UConn have agreed to the dissolution of the Alumni Association. Plans to distribute the assets of the Alumni Association are currently a work in progress. The UConn Foundation will absolve the staff members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association was incorporated to UConn in 1973.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Senate passes two constitutional amendments related to CAB and two related to Blue Key Committee; Final vote next week

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent



File photo of the Student Government legislature submitting their hand vote at their Feb. 24 meeting. The Senate will be voting on four amendments at next Tuesday's meeting.

The Student Government Association has seen many changes to its Constitution and bylaws this semester --more so than any other semester. This past SGA meeting on March 31 saw four new amendments reviewed by the legislative body of the SGA.

All of them passed with a two-thirds vote by hand. The SGA will vote on the four amendments again--a three-fourths vote is needed for it to pass and be officially implemented--at the April 7 SGA meeting. Sara Palis, SGA parliamentarian, conducted all the motions.

Daniel Chamberlain, SGA vice president of programming, petitioned the first two amendments. The amendments added new power to the programming position and proposed a certain criteria from the Campus Activities Board constitution that a student must follow in order to be elected as vice president of programming.

The first amendment, regarding the powers of the vice president of programming, read, "Shall monitor and report all issues relevant to students in the area of the Campus Activities Board." Ariana Roche, representative-at-large, asked what the purpose of the amendment was.

Chamberlain said the main point of the amendment was to update the language in the constitution since the vice president of programming was already following the amendment. It was opposed by Matthew Carlin, SGA vice president of finance.

The second amendment read, "The Vice President of Programming, in order to be elected, must meet all the criteria in the CAB constitution for general membership (Reference CAB Constitution Article 3 Section A)."

The amendment passed unanimously and will be added to the SGA constitution pending next Tuesday's vote.

Palis moved on to the next two amendments, which were petitioned by Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary. Dina's amendments dealt with the following polices of the Blue Key Committee (BKC): appropriately reviewing nomination papers and the proper procedures of reviewing nominated senators for the Blue Key Award.

The first of the amendments read, "The BKC shall convene to review all nomination papers and information provided no less than two times. No final decisions shall be made by the committee during this session: however, preliminary votes may be taken."

This amendment was passed unanimously and will be added to Article 2 Section 3, subsection B, number 2 of the SGA Constitution pending next Tuesday's vote.

The second amendment read, "Any nominee that does not choose to respond to the Committee's request of additional information within 10 business days upon receipt of notification, shall no longer be considered for the award and subsequently be disqualified."

Palis's motion to pass the amendment was unanimously successful. If it passes next Tuesday's vote, it will be placed in article 2, section 3m subsection C, number 2 of the SGA Constitution.

It will be interesting to see if a senator attacks any of the amendments next week. We saw this happen to the amendment presented by Joshua Clark, SGA vice president of student life, which prohibited any student who is a residence assistant to sit on the executive council.

It passed the two-thirds vote and then failed the three-fourths vote the following week. All questions will be answered on April 7 at the next SGA meeting.

The Student Government Association meets in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room on the garden level of Ely next to Dunkin' Donuts.

SGA AND CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Election materials and signature papers will be available starting **Monday, March 30th** at 9 AM in the SGA room, located on the garden level of Ely (017) next to Dunkin Donuts

Signature papers are due to the SGA room by **Friday, April 10th at 5 PM.**

Elections will be held on **Tuesday, April 21st** and **Wednesday, April 22nd** on MyWestfield.

If you have any questions about elections, positions or signature papers, please email execsec.sga@westfield.ma.edu.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA Legislature holds shortest meeting of the semester; Chamberlain doles out Spring Weekend information

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Due to no guest speakers on the agenda, the last March meeting for the Student Government Association was the fastest meeting of the semester.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, gave an update on the Dever Stage Auditorium information that was given to the SGA by Dr. Curt Robie, associate vice president of facilities and operations, two weeks ago.

The information regarded the timetable for the Auditorium's renovation project.

DiVico said the construction to Dever Stage will begin late December of 2015 or early January of 2016. She said the Auditorium will be out of commission for the spring 2016 and summer 2016 semesters, but it will be ready to be reopened in the fall 2016 semester.

"It was okay for me to tell you this information, but, it is not one-hundred percent official yet," she said.

DiVico said a survey to see what the student body thinks about this information will be emailed sometime in the future.

The madam president ended her report by saying she was very excited for the trivia night after the meeting, and she congratulated the classes of 2015 and 2017 for their hard work on the Mr. Westfield pageant.

All of the senators stood up and applauded the classes as well.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, reported that class registration is going smoothly this semester. She said early registration on March 25 had 311 students sign up, and the number of students for senior class registration will be known later in the week.

Junior's registration is on April 3, and first-year and sophomore fall athletes' registration is on April 6.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, went over the two emails that were sent to students on March 31 regarding changes to how students can purchase their tickets and guest passes for Spring Weekend.

He said the main change was that students would have to print out their tickets and use that printed E-ticket to get into the concert.

Guest passes and tickets went on sale last Wednesday, and students are encouraged to read the email with the subject title, "Spring Weekend Ticket Information/ Guest Information for Resident and Commuting Students," from Barba Hand, staff assistant for student affairs.

The other email, also from Hand, shows the spring weekend 2015 schedule and some basic rules and regulations regarding the events for the weekend.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, addressed the finance proposal from the Finance Committee regarding the allocation of funds for the Relay For Life Club. He said the club was asking for $800 to cover one officer and two student security officers for the April 17 and 18 Relay For Life event as well as $82 to cover half of the $164 for refreshments. Carlin motioned to allocate $882 to the club, which passed unanimously.

The Finance Committee has $9,929.72 left for the semester.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, announced that election packets were available to all students running for any position on the SGA.

He said signature papers and all election materials are due back to SGA by Friday, April 10 at 5 p.m., and no campaigning of any kind is allowed until after the due date.

Candidates that do so face the possibility of being pulled from the election. Election voting night is on April 21.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, said the Mr. Westfield event presented the challenge of raising $7,500 in order to grant a child a wish from the Make a Wish Foundation..

He proudly stated that the Mr. Westfield contestants alone, not counting the concession and ticket sales, reached the $7,500 goal.

Also, the class of 2015 and 2017 were $2,500 away from raising enough money to grant a second wish, reaching a total of $12,500.

"I was approached by an anonymous s person who asked me how much more for the second wish and told me he would have a check for me next week," Darrach said.

He said the second wish was granted thanks to an anonymous donor, and the whole room stood with applause and cheers.

Last year's Mr. Westfield also granted two wishes.

He thanked the class of 2017 for their hard work and hoped the class continues their work in the future.

In similar fashion Maddie Spillers, president of the class of 2017, thanked the 2015 class, as well as everyone who was involved with the Mr. Westfield pageant, for an incredible night.

The quick meeting was followed by a trivia night with pizza that lasted close to an hour.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Apr. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

crime log

On March 26, a liquor law violation and a drug law violation occurred at 12:35 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 4:14 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 27, a liquor law violation occurred at 3:58 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 28, operation under the influence, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and modified exhaust were discovered at 1:11 a.m. in the Juniper Park lot. An arrest was made.

On March 28, operation under the influence, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a lights violation, and a marked lane violation occurred at 2:57 a.m. in the Commuter Lot and on Western Avenue. An arrest was made.

On March 28, a liquor law violation occurred at 11:53 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 29, a drug law violation occurred at 12:35 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 29, an assault and battery occurred at 12:28 a.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 29, a trespass after notice occurred at 2:00 a.m. in the Lammers lot. An arrest was made.

On March 29, a liquor law violation occurred at 3:55 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On March 29, a drug law violation occurred at 11:02 p.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

Theatrical collaboration a 'win-win' for Westfield State and WVTHS students

From Press Release

Westfield Voc-Tech students connect the set pieces for "Avenue Q" on Dever Stage at Westfield State.

Westfield State University and Westfield Vocational Technical High School (WVTHS) have teamed up for the third consecutive year to produce sets pieces for the university's upcoming spring production of "Avenue Q."

The collaboration dates back to 2013 when Ernie Iannaccone, technical director of Dever Stage, approached Westfield Voc-Tech in search of a place to construct the large set for the music department's production of "Cabaret." Westfield Voc-Tech Principal Stefan Czaporowski approved the partnership allowing Westfield Voc-Tech students to construct the sets for Westfield State Department of Music productions at the high school.

"I agreed because it exposes students in our Graphics and Construction Technology departments to other aspects of their respective trades," Czaporowski said. "It also exposes WVTHS students to art and music, both of which we are not able to offer our students."

Iannaccone said teaming up with the high school offered an ideal solution.

"The partnership is mutually beneficial," Iannaccone said. "We get access to a carpentry shop big enough to build the sets and a skilled labor pool."

Westfield Voc-Tech juniors and seniors, under the guidance of Brian Falcetti, lead teacher of construction technology, followsd a design plan written by Iannaccone. The building process took six weeks in total with the juniors working for four wseks and the seniors for two. Students worked in pairs to cut and build each section. The juniors did the majority of the framing for the upper and lowsr floors and the seniors were involved with the exterior design and the installation of the trim and brickwork.

Falcetti said students were able to closely follow Iannaccone's plan with few questions.

"The students and I enjoy working with Ernie and feel that he has great knowledge of his production abilities and we can add our construction skills as well," Falcetti said.

Timing is key, and the production schedule of the Westfield State music department shows coincides with the slow construction season. Generally, Westfield Voc-Tech construction technology studsnts travel to job sites to build houses and garages, but they are not always able to do so during the winter.

"It's been a nice fill in in the bad weathsr and it's allowed us to create a modular work place in the shop," Falcetti said.

According to Falcetti, the process for building the "Avenue Q" set was sssentially the same as building a house, but on a smaller scale. However, it allowed students to brainstorm and think outside of their element.

"This collaboration gives students a little more crsative ability," Falcetti said. "It allows them to brainstorm maneuvers for quick changes, window changes, and other theatric al elements."

Falcetti said he did not hesitate when Iannaccone approached him with the idea for the partnership.

"It's a win, win," Falcetti said. "Any type of opportunity for our students to positively contribute to the community is a good thing. This project is a positive reflection on our school. Students learn about the set building process from older students and look forward to creating next year's set."

In theatre, it's traditional for set builders to add in something that pays homage to the people who built it, so the Westfield Voc-Tech students painted the words "Tiger's Block," referring to the school's mascot, on one of the walls.

Westfield Voc-Tech student Molly Lyttle, a junior from Westfield, said she is proud that the construction work she and other students did will be seen by hundreds of people who attend the performances.

"It's cool to know the set came from our school and people are going to use it and enjoy it," Lyttle said.

Student Ashley Mendez, also a junior from Westfield, agrees.

"It's really cool to be able to say 'I made that,'" Mendez said.

In addition to the set piecss, Westfield Voc-Tech students will build 15 podiums for Westfield State University. Since the students are not yet licensed construction workers, the labor is free, which cuts down costs and will save the university nearly $13,000.

"Avsnue Q" is an adult comedy that takes a whimsical and irreverent look at the realities of responsible adult life and how they contrast with the carefree freedom of youth. It will be performed April 15-18 at 7:30 p.m. with an additional matinee performance at 2 p.m. on the 18th. Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors and are available at www.Deverstage.com.

The Syrian Crisis: local, regional, and international perspectives

From Press Release

As part of its Guest Lecture Series, Westfield State University will host "The Syrian Crisis: Local, Regional, and International Perspectives" a night of renowned speakers and a panel discussion on Monday April 13 starting at 7 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The panel will discuss an overview of the current Syrian situation, including a timeline, main players, the impact and participation of women, current status on the ground, and humanitarian crisis in the region.

The speakers will also discuss how ISIS originated in Iraq and Syria and how they came to rise, Turkey's stance on the issue, and how Islamophobia has affected Europe and the United States while touching upon the recent terrorist attacks on Paris.

Featured speakers bring a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to the Syrian crisis.

Dr. Omar Dahi, a Damascus, Syria native, is an associate professor of economics at Hampshire College. He is the co-recipient of a grant from the Arab Council for the Social Sciences to conduct research in Lebanon, Turkey, and Jordan, on Syrian refugees and displaced populations.

Dr. Dahi's expertise ranges on various topics including economic development, international trade, South-South economic cooperation, and the political economy of the Middle East and North Africa – all of which he has been published discussing. This is Dr. Dahi's third visit to Westfield State University.

Vijay Prashad, Ph.D., is a journalist, historian, and professor at Trinity Collegs. He has published seventeen books, five in 2012 alone, and is a world-renowned speaker. Dr. Prashad is a senior research fellow at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and is known for his outspoken criticism on US Foreign Policy.

Dr. Leyla Keough is a visiting professor of anthropology and Middis East Studies at Hampshire College. She has conducted extensive research about transnational migration, gender, and global neoliberalism. Dr. Keough is set to release a book that analyzes the trafficking of women and the migration policy on European and Middle Eastern borders.

For more information regarding "The Syrian Crisis: Local, Regional, and International Perspectives", please contact: Mark Abate (mabate@westfield.ma.edu) or Michelle Pescetta in the History Department located in Bates 113.

The Guest Lecture Series is supported by funding from the Academic Affairs budget to enhance student learning and service to the larger community.

An advisory committee with representation by the faculty and librarians, staff, and students review proposals and recommend selection of proposals for the year. For more information on upcoming speakers in the Guest Lecture Series, please visit http://www.westfield.ma.edu/guest-lecture-series.

opinions & editorials

RACE RUGH, Editor

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

2016 hopeful Hillary Clinton wipes her personal email server clean amid scandal

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

PHOTO FROM POLITICO.COM

Trey Gowdy criticizes Hillary Clinton for wiping out her email and private servers preventing the investigator general from conducting a third party analysis.

Well, it would seem the former secretary Hillary Clinton has finally proven her innocence... since she had deleted all of her emails and wiped her private server clean. This revelation comes after Representative Trey Gowdy of South Carolina commented/publicized Clinton's response to the House's investigating committee on the attacks in Benghazi.

CNN published the story on Friday, March 28 after Rep. Gowdy gave a brief press conference.

Gowdy has previously requested that Clinton hand over her private server to the State Department's inspector general for an independent review to which her lawyer, David Kendall promptly declined. In his response to Gowdy, Kendall stated that Clinton "chose not to keep her non-record personal emails" and that "...there are no... emails from Secretary Clintons tenure as Secretary of State on the server for review..."

Apparently the server was wiped after October 2014, which happens to be after the State Department had requested her to send them her official emails. It also seems that Hillary and her elite legal team have taken the liberty of choosing what was necessary and what was not – something I bet you and I would be in a significant amount of trouble for doing. To mirror my point, Representative Gowdy made an additional statement on the matter:

"Not only was the secretary the sole arbiter of what was a public record, she also summarily decided to delete all emails from her server, ensuring no one could check behind her analysis in the public interest."

I find it increasingly difficult to believe that the former secretary is innocent of anything with all of this dodging and legal freedom she has been exploiting.

Clinton has increasingly made remarks requesting that her "emails" be made public as soon as possible and has even consented a public hearing on the matter.

hat being said, there were only 55,000 emails that turned over to the state department for review, and, of those, just fewer than 300 were forwarded to the Congressional committee.

It would seem that Clinton is trying to force the matter closed in this latest controversy. Already, many elites in the party leadership have voiced concerns of her credibility, and many liberals have jumped on to the "Warren War Wagon" (a topic that I will discuss next week).

I would be so bold as to accuse the former secretary of tampering with potential evidence in this latest case.

If one person can simply wipe out his or her servers that are in question, I wonder what precedent this creates in our legal system.

Gowdy and Boehner are apparently contemplating this as well, with rumors saying that they are preparing new legal action against Clinton and her legal team.

Some democrats are too... convinced to be deflated. According to Politico, who has spent a great deal of time on the scandal, senior democrat on the House Committee Elijah Cummings said, "This confirms what we all knew—that Secretary Clinton already produced her official records to the State Department, that she did not keep her personal emails, and that the Select Committee has already obtained her emails relating to the attacks in Benghazi."

I am completely dumbfounded by such a statement. I believe this confirms nothing except that Clinton has made her ultimatum, "use her documents (the ones submitted) or take me to court." I wonder what democrats would say if this were the Bush administration during the investigation on "Weapons of Mass Destruction" in Iraq. Would this behavior also "confirm" everything "we all knew" of the event?

This sort of partisan rhetoric is what costs our government credibility and efficiency. In times of government oversight, no official has the right, nor should they have the ability, to determine what the public will see, especially since no matters of "national security" have been raised over the publication of her emails.

I think the question here remains: Is Clinton simply trying to maintain her presidential bid, or is she hiding something she should not?

CLARK - *from the frontpage*

for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He was a fan favorite going into the award portion of the show.

Fullam's roommates and friends were cheering him on to win the event but it was Mr. 2016 and Mr. Congeniality Justin Connolly who won "the crown, the sash, and the glory."

In a victory speech after being crowned, Connolly thanked his friends, fellow contestants, girlfriend Kylie Nelson (class of 2015 representative to the SGA), and his family for all of their help and support.

Darrach, at Tuesday's SGA meeting, told the story of the anonymous donor only to receive applause and standing ovation. The exercise brought tears to his eyes, but there was no sobbing.

He said, "There was dust at Dever on Saturday and there's dust here today. It's getting pretty dusty up here."

The class of 2017 will carry on the production next year, likely with the help of the incoming class of 2019.

The now-alumni class of 2014 started the Mr. Westfield pageant. Last year's show, hosted by then-SGA president Taylor Fote and then-SGA vice president of programming Steve Kligerman, granted one wish.

The two previous shows granted one wish among them.

CAULFIELD - *from page 3*

corresponding to their floor has been written up and only needs signatures from all of the men in Davis Hall. She said the one incident on Monday was a sign of slow progress compared to other weekends that saw more than five incidents.

Conlogue said if the incidents continue, Dr. Carlton Pickron, vice president of student affairs, would have another meeting with the men and put severe pressures on their privileges.

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PASSPORT TO POLITICS

State House Advocacy Day is a good opportunity to reach to state legislators

Massachusetts State House on Beacon Hill in Boston.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Fourteen Westfield State students were dispatched to Beacon Hill and tasked with lobbying state legislators, who are currently reviewing Gov. Charlie Baker's budget, trying to get better funding for the state university system.

All in all, a good day.

Not having been to the State House other than for Inauguration, I have to say with all honesty that my ego was stroked and I could not have had a better day.

Talking with my state legislators provided an opportunity to pick their brain on why they do in representing the districts.

Our students were broken up into different groups to visit legislators who were grouped geographically.

My group, comprised of Ryan Losco, junior class president, and Lezlie Campbell, SGA representative-at-large, visited Rep. Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee), Rep. Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke), Sen. Eric Lesser (D-1st Hampden and Hampshire), Sen. Ryan Fattman (D-Worcester and Norfolk), Sen. Donald Humason (D-2nd Hampden and Hampshire), among others.

We chatted about our experience at Westfield State University, which is akin to the experience that many Massachusetts residents have as students in the state university level.

The need for increased funding for the state university system has never been more dire than now.

Funding for university budget line items like collective bargaining and internship incentive program and the need for a tuition freeze with the 50/50 deal is essential.

$8.8 million is needed to fully fund the university's (and state's) collective bargaining obligations.

Without the full funding for that line item, the university will have to cover the costs, which will ultimately be passed to the students.

The $1 million needed for the internship incentive program is a necessary cost as well. The program pays students for internships that they complete.

Another important topic of discussion with the legislators is the tuition freeze that is possible due to the 50/50 deal. The state puts up half of the money for the state universities' budgets, and they do the rest.

Tuition freezes were possible for Westfield State in recent years, thanks to the lobbying efforts of students like those who spoke today and others who work in the university's department of advancement and university relations.

While many of the legislators said that they are huge supporters of higher education, it will be interesting to see how the funding happens in the budget.

Many of the legislators are graduates of the state university system themselves, so the convincing should not be too difficult.

Closing the skills gap that is present not only in Massachusetts but in other states in the region requires more funding for institutions that work to educate the uneducated.

With 90% of the student bodies of the state universities being Massachusetts residents, and 85% returning to the state after graduation, there needs to be a better commitment from the various legislators on Beacon Hill to make higher education more accessible.

While I wish politics was just shaking hands and kissing babies, today was an exposure to the dirty side of politics—getting your voice heard in terms of budget allocations.

I implore to contact your state legislators on behalf of the nine state universities. It only goes to your benefit.

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from the editors' desks

The beginning of the rest of your life starts here at Westfield State University

Learning comes at a price for all students. The cost of attending any university is astronomical and disproportional to the amount of knowledge acquired by students during that time. Well-roundedness is preached by the enforcement of policies requiring students to take courses from all subjects, when the best way to create successful youths is to encourage them to continue on the paths that they have paved for themselves.

People who say that the school system failed them either did not apply themselves or had a vision that was way ahead of their time. Education in the United States is established to create average students. Those who break free from the yearly cycle that consists of common core and "elective" classes are the ones who truly meet their potential. Incredibly, these are the same people that are told they will amount to nothing as an impressionable teenager.

Fear discourages us all from reaching. We are afraid to hear what others will think of us as we step beyond the societal bubble. We are afraid to fall from our own stratosphere and make a reacquaintance with those we left behind in the troposphere of mediocre.

What are backup plans? True belief in your course of action negates the need for one. Backup plans are only one more excuse to fail and those who imply such a necessity are only victims of the well-roundedness that school encourages.

As students at Westfield State, we are all at the most pivotal points of our lives. We have 360 degrees to choose from when making our first step into the real world. However, it is only a matter of time until we yearn for something more. I say: why not start today? Forfeit the backup plan and shine a spotlight on the glowing aspect of your life you believe in.

Maybe the storyline from the movie "Accepted" with Justin Long and Jonah Hill is not such a bad idea after all. Students want to learn and gain knowledge that can help them throughout their lives. The only roadblock is conventional education.

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Global Women's History Project

APRIL 6, 2015
ALSARAH & THE NUBATONES
Scanlon Banquet Hall 4p.m. & 7:30p.m.

Sudanese/Nubian singer Alsarah is a songwriter, ethnomusicologist, and all around world citizen. Starting her musical training at the age of 12 in the U.S.A. Her music is influenced by her life in Sudan, Yemen and the U.S.A. giving it worldly flavor.

4p.m. - Workshop

Rhythm, Melody, and Cultural Context of Music from the Nubian Region and Central Sudan

7:30p.m. - Concert

Rock it out with internationally acclaimed Nubian Pop Star Alsarah and the Nubatones.

from the voice vault

*This article was published in the **February 9, 2004** issue of* The Voice.

Voice of the Week

Maureen McCartney

Hometown: Amherst, MA

Position at WSC: Director of Career Services

Family: Husband (who used to teach at WSC). Son, Brendon, age 13.

Favorite thing about WSC: The student energy and helping students to realize their dreams. Working with great people and watching students take big steps, writing back from their new worlds

Least favorite thing about WSC: Parking

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Movie: "Dr. Zhivago"

Favorite Quote: "For most of history, anonymous was a women." – Virginia Wolf

Compiled by Lisandra Billings

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Ground Broken For New Field

by Ed Healey

Ground was broken in midsummer for the new track and playing field to be located next to the Stanley Home Products building. The field is to be 370' x 240' surrounded by a quarter mile track. The field is being constructed on 32 acres of college property, the remainder of which will be developed into a baseball field, an area for field hockey, and also space for intramural and practice fields.

The track and field will be composed of synthetic astroturf produced by the Monsanto Company. Astroturf will allow for greater utilization for it can withstand any amount of traffic. Although the field will not be enclosed, it will still be available for use in the winter. Snow can be removed from the field providing that specialized plowing equipment is used. The complex will also be equipped with a unique single drainage system for both the track and field. Although the space is available, due to a lack of funds, there will be no stands for spectators.

The grading of the field and the drainage system will be completed before winter, but the astroturf will not be installed until Spring. The track and field should be available for use sometime in midsummer.

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THE LIBERAL VIEW

Dr. Angela Davis, civil rights activist, speaks at UMass

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

A couple hundred people, mostly students, stood on their feet and applauded as Doctor Angela Davis walked up to the podium in the Fine Arts Center at UMass on Monday night.

Starting in her youth as a Black Panther, Doctor Angela Davis is a world-renowned civil rights activist. Now at age 71, she is still lecturing across the world about the struggle of humanity. The talk was free of charge, but tickets were available days in advance for the event.

The theme of the night was "Sustaining Social Justice Movements and Intersectional Struggles" and also of the personal being political. Much of Davis' talk was about the inequalities women are faced with daily and how women have become strong and influential leaders.

Just decades ago, domestic abuse was a private concern – an "era of silence" as Davis called it. Violence against women was not addressed properly because it often happened behind closed doors. Spousal abuse was not even considered an issue since it was linked with intimacy.

It is shameful that women are and have been objectified so much that violence towards them was not even discussed until later in the twentieth century.

Davis said that, when domestic violence was finally addressed, it was looked at as a problem for mostly minorities, but this is simply not true at all. Davis also said that, trans women, particularly trans women of color, are targeted more with violence.

Trans women who find themselves in violent and dangerous situations are arrested (usually an implication of a zero tolerance policy) and placed in jails according to sex, not gender.

Women who are mentally ill are also in danger of facing violence because the general public is not educated on their needs and psychiatric vulnerability, so they are misunderstood.

"To be a mentally ill black woman and confront the police is lethal. You will be shot. You will be killed," said David.

"Women are consistently the largest target of violence in the world," said Davis, the crowd cheering in agreement. In that moment, hope for changing this fact seemed possible and encouraging.

Davis also warned the audience of the prison-industrial complex by saying, "Profits are more important to people." She added that sexism, classism, and racism are embedded in the institutions.

"We have to end incarceration. Incarceration as a strategy to benefit capitalism must end," said Davis, "The relationship between punishment and economy must end."

Davis said that the separation of states in Palestine is similar to the racism here in America. She said that this racism is used to generate anti-Arab and anti-Muslim feelings to fuel the "War on Terror."

"We say 'no' to imperial policies," said Davis as the crowd applauded.

"Indictments are not the answer," added Davis. She reflected on what would have happened if Darren Wilson were indicted for the death of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri and concluded that the grand jury's decision would not have obtained justice.

Davis called for an "abolition of the police structure as we know it... free education for everyone and free healthcare, especially for the mentally disabled."

The largest institutions for the mentally disabled are Ryker's Island, Cook County, and Twin Towers – for those who are unfamiliar, these are also prisons.

Davis finished up the lecture saying, "You have to do the rest of the work. I can only invite you [to do it]. Join the rising and struggling communities and together we can change the world."

The audience stood on their feet once more and applauded before slowly filtering out of the auditorium. It was truly an eye-opening experience.

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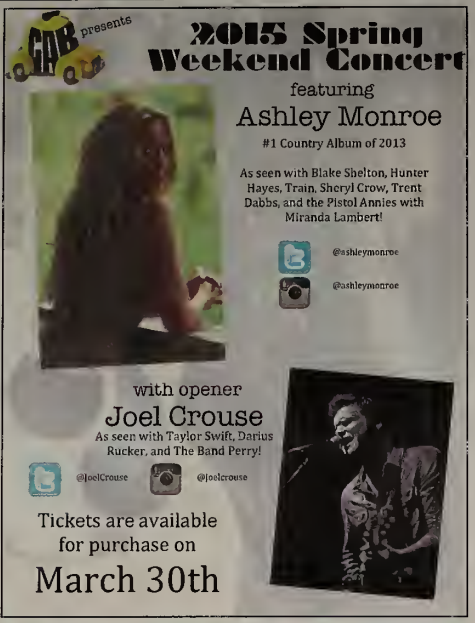
If you are a commuting student and would like to have a guest at the concert and/or to attend other scheduled Spring Weekend activities, please come to the SGA Office to register your guest. Guest registration is from April 1 - April 22. A $15.00 guest registration fee is required for all guests. A guest wishing to attend the concert must be wearing a guest wristband issued from the Student Government Association Office.*



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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
2. Sugar - Maroon 5
3. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
4. Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding
5. FourFiveSeconds - Rihanna, Kanye West, & Paul McCartney
6. Earned It - The Weeknd
7. Style - Taylor Swift
8. Trap Queen - Fetty Wap
9. Time of our Lives - Pitbull & Ne-Yo
10. G.D.F.R - Flo Rida Ft. Sage The Gemini & Lookas

top 10 albums

1. To Pimp a Butterfly - Kendrick Lamar
2. Empire: Original Soundtrack
3. Strangers to Ourselves - Modest Mouse
4. Fifty Shades of Grey Soundtrack
5. 1989 - Taylor Swift
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7. X - Ed Sheeran
8. FROOT - Marina and the Diamonds
9. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
10. V - Maroon 5

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5. It Follows
6. Kingsman: The Secret Service
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8. Run All Night
9. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
10. The Gunman

upcoming releases

1. The Longest Ride
2. Ex Machina
3. Desert Dancer
4. Clouds of Sils Maria
5. Kill Me Three Times
6. Self/less
7. Unfriended
8. Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2
9. Child 44
10. Monkey Kingdom

Jon Stewart's replacement announced: Who is he?

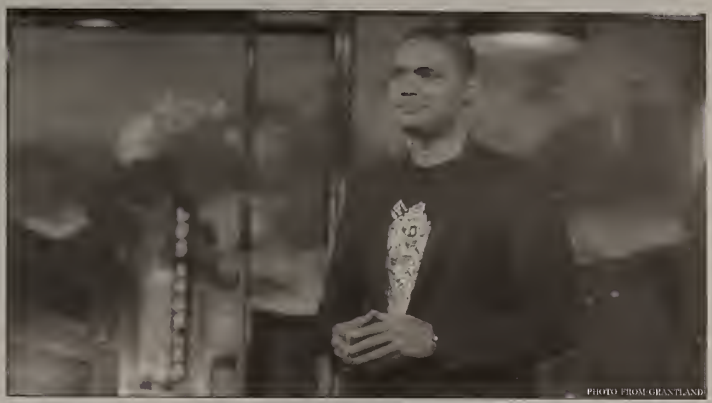

PHOTO FROM GRANTLAND

The Daily Show has been a staple of American late night television since 1996 and Jon Stewart's comedy family tree is as exoansive as it is impressive. Trevor Noah has just the right amount of uncertainty about him to make a name for himself.

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

It seems that our favorite things are disappearing before our very eyes. It began with Stephen Colbert going from making us laugh to making our parents (and grandparents) laugh. Then Jon Stewart announced his retirement, and now his replacement has been announced. I mean One Direction just broke up, can we at least have a few moments to grieve?!

I guess not. Jon Stewart, the beloved host of The Daily Show on Comedy Central, is to be replaced by one of his newest "guests," Trevor Noah. Noah made his first appearance a few months ago when he made some satirical remarks on the whole "Ebola crisis" and racial tensions in the US. However, the New York Times broke the story earlier this week, and the dust seems to just be settling.

Many have already expressed joy over the announcement, with Comedy Central's president, Michelle Ganeless, saying, "Trevor Noah is an enormous talent, ... [he] is poised to explode here in America." In his native country of South Africa, many are overjoyed that one of their own will be further recognized for his artistic talent.

A question on many American minds will be "Who is Trevor Noah?"

The question can be answered simply; he is a stranger. Noah is well known in the European/African entertainment industry as a stand-up comic. Currently traveling the world on his latest comedy tour, Noah has grown a Twitter following of over two million! Being used to the lax restrictions of his native South Africa and the even-more-lax restrictions of Britain, Noah may find it a bit difficult to settle into his new role. Trevor has hosted a variety of shows – most in his native country – showcasing his talent. Noah is known for his ability to satirize the news without losing sight of the issue, something that will be key in hosting the Daily Show.

The Daily Show represents one of the truths of our generation, distrust from the traditional news/media sources. In a survey conducted a few years ago, there was an overwhelming amount of people (in our generation) believing/using the Daily Show and its conservative counterpart, The Colbert Report, as legitimate news sources.

Many of the Daily Show's correspondents have gone off to their own projects like Steve Carell and Stephen Colbert while others, like John Oliver in his newest show Last Week's News Tonight, followed a similar line of work.

This announcement was made amidst rumors that Chris Rock was in line to replace Stewart, who the BBC reports as tweeting "Thank you president Obama," after the announcement.

It was reported in a statement by Stewart that "I'm [Stewart] thrilled for the show and for Trevor..." and he goes further to say that he may "rejoin" the show as a correspondent just to be part of this new direction.

"The Wedding Ringer" is full of laughs

Nathan Benoit
Voice Reporter

The movie The Wedding Ringer played in the Owls Nest on March 28. The plot revolves around Doug Harris, a man that is getting married but has no friends to be his groomsmen.

He makes up friends to keep his bride happy but ultimately must find people to fill the roles. He hires Jimmy Callahan to serve as his best man assist his quest in finding other groomsmen. Aside from all the comedy, this movie is basically about a lonely guy that ends up befriending his hired best man.

The movie is very funny, but that is about all it has going for it. The film was very predictable and the ending was rushed.

You spend the whole movie assuming that Doug and Jimmy will be friends at the end. I liked the friendship, but I already knew that it would happen.

Doug is a very geeky guy that ironically has a beautiful bride.

The wife does not give us any inclination that she does not love Doug for most of the movie, but in a quick scene at the end she admits that she actually is not in love him.

Her character was not well developed and the only purpose she served was to be a villain in the end.

Usually in romantic comedies you witness the character mess up and then fix what he or she did wrong before the end. However, this movie had none of that.

Instead it was just about Doug and Jimmy becoming friends and concluded with Doug dumping his bride and going off with Jimmy.

There were a lot of comedic scenes in this movie, but the plot was weak and predictable and the ending was very rushed.

Ultimately, this was one of those movies where you can just sit back and enjoy the laughs.

Kevin Hart is as funny as ever in this Action/Romance/Comedy. Hart has a strong supporting cast with Kaley Cuoco from the Big Bang Theory and Josh Gad, the voice of Olaf in Frozen.

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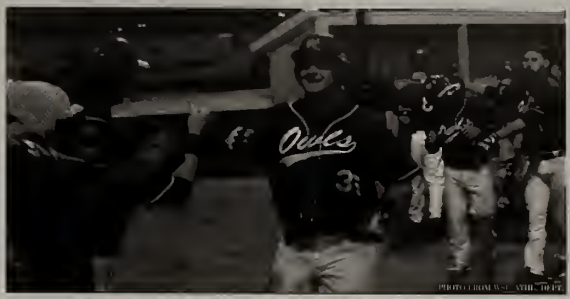
BASEBALL

Multiple home runs carry Owls to ninth victory in cold and rainy conditions

Michael Barry
Voice Reporter



The Owl's baseball team has started the New England portion of their schedule ranked 4th in New England. The team started 8-2 in Florida and have continued their strong start against Elms.

The Westfield Baseball team's high-powered offense carried them to a win over Elms College with a final score of 9-5. Played on a neutral site with extremely poor weather for baseball, the Owls were able to pull off an impressive non-conference victory.

The Owls are went into the game ranked fourth in New England, and this was their first chance to compete back in Massachusetts since they opened their season with a week of games in Florida for spring break.

Weatfield took no time in putting points on the board by putting a first inning home run to deep center by captain Pat McWilliams to give the Owls an early lead. The third baseman was the offensive standout of the day, batting 4-5 with three runs batted in.

In the second inning, the Owls offensive onslaught continued, putting up five more runs to take a 7-0 lead into the third inning. Long ball specialist Tim Santilli had the highlight of the inning with a three-run homh to the opposite side of the field. Santilli has started this season red-hot and leads the team with five home runs.

In the third, Elms' offense fired back with a three-run third, however most of these runs were unearned due to fielding errors. The cold and rainy conditions became an obvious factor for the Owls defensively, as one of the Elms College runs was scored due to a wild pitch while another on an error. Luckily, the Owls offense was able to hail them out of all of their fielding and mental errors, and it wasn't long before they countered with a two-run third inning of their own.

Westfield used a pre-determined pitching rotation throughout the game. Owls ace Mike Molta was given the win after the starting and maintaining the lead throughout the win. Pitchers Peter Cassidy, Pete Liimatinen and Tommy Nowlan contributed as well, with the entire rotation only allowing three earned runs and recording 11 strikeouts.

It's clear looking over the stat sheet that the weather had an immense effect on both teams. The high number of errors was clearly due to the rainy conditions, and as the season goes on and the weather improves, this should not be a problem in the future for this immensely-talented Owls team.

The win over Elms College improves the Owls to an impressive 9-2 so far on the season. Due to weather conditions, the Owls schedule moving forward is very shaky and littered with cancelations. Their next scheduled game is a home doubleheader against Worcester State on April 3. The first game is at noon, while the second is scheduled to start at 2:30.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, March 26th
W LAX at Lasell W 16-12
Baseball at Springfield PPD
Saturday, March 28th
Softball at Bridgewater State PPD
W LAX vs Worcester State W 19-12
M/W Track at Coast Guard Invite 8th place/9th place
Baseball at Bridgewater State PPD
Tuesday, March 31st
Baseball at UMass Boston 3:30 p.m.
Softball vs WNEU (DH) 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1st
Baseball at WCSU PPD
W LAX vs Smith 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Friday, April 3rd
Softball at Worcester State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm
Baseball at Worcester State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:30 pm
Saturday, April 4th
W LAX vs at Fitchburg State 7:00 pm
M/W Track at AIC Yellow Jacket Invite
Baseball at Bridgewater State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:30 pm
Softball at Bridgewater State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm
Monday, April 6th
Baseball vs Coast Guard 3:30 pm
Tuesday, April 7th
W LAX at ECSU 4:30 pm
Baseball at Williams 4:00 pm
Softball at Smith (DH) 2:00 pm/3:30 pm

Men's Lax searching for first win

Andrew McIntosh
Voice Reporter

The Westfield Men's Club Lacrosse team faced off against Central Connecticut State University this past weekend, led by senior captains Randy Patterson, PJ Kearney, Corbin Briggs, and junior captain Matt Haley. The Owls put up a great effort hut came up just short in the end, losing by a final acore of 11-7 to the Blue Devils.

The Owls' best asset heading into the game was their defense, which had three returning atarters from last year. The defense maintained control for the majority of the game, hut struggled with the transition from midfield in delivering the hall to the offensive end. CCSU took full advantage of this, and their strong shooting and ball movement on the perimeter of the box throughout the game ultimately prevailed.

The Owls offense, however, was not as successful, as they failed to capitalize on many of their attempts throughout the night. One of the reasons for their inexperienced attack can be attributed to the loss of many of their starters from last year, which was made quite evident againat CCSU as they were severely outplayed hy the Blue Devils defense.

Westfield coach Nick Kates explained the Owl's game plan on offense after the loss, stating, "we like to slow the game down and set up plays for the attack and midfielders to be involved in." Unfortunately, CCSU was great at disrupting that and making the Owls play to their strength, forcing them to keep the pace of the game high which inevitahly led to more turnovers. That will all come along with experience and the young Owls offense will surely be able to rebound and make teams play to their type of game as the season progresses.

With the loss, the Owls fall to 0-2 on the season following their loss to Bridgewater State the week before. The Owls will be looking for their first win of the season when Stonehill College on April 18 at home.

TD Garden set to host Frozen Four with potential Hockey East final

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

The Frozen Four begins on April 9 at TD Garden in Boston, with Omaha facing off against Providence for the first game of the night, followed by Boston University versus North Dakota in the second. With a wide range of talent in this group and given the amount of surprises thus far, it's safe to say that any one of the four could easily come away with the championship.

Beginning the tournament, and heavily favored to win, was top seed Minnesota State University- Mankato. They came in to tourney play with a 29-7-3 record. They faced Rochester Institute of Technology. Going into the third knotted at one, Rochester's Josh Mitchell took a shot from the top of the right face-off circle that found its way past Minn. St. goalie Stephon Williams.

Originally, the call was not a ruled a goal for potential goalie interference, but after review the goal was eventually counted. That goal would allow Rochester to move on to the next round against Omaha, where they fought tooth and nail all game up until the last five minutes when Omaha separated themselves with three goals to come away with the 4-0 win.

The Friars have been one of the most surprising teams in the Frozen Four thus far, easily handling fourth-seeded Miami of Ohio in a 7-5 affair. The Friars followed their win with another strong victory against Denver, who they easily handled in a 4-1 decision.

On the right side of the bracket, the third-seeded Boston University Terriers played an underestimated Yale team that gave the Terriers a run for their money. After holding a 1-0 lead heading into the third period, Yale found the net on another shot to take a 2-0 lead with 13:12 to go in the game. But with 11 minutes to go, the Terriers gave themselves a chance by putting one in, and three minutes later they scored again to tie the game at two apiece.

Both teams grinded it out for the last eight minutes of the game, eventually leading to overtime. But with seven minutes left in overtime, Terrier Danny O'Regan was in perfect position to pick up a rebound off a slap shot, and Bulldogs goalie Alex Lyon wasn't able to save it in time as the Terriers prevailed.

PHOTO FROM PROVIDENCE

Providence College has ended their thirty year drought from the Frozen Four by defeating second seeded Denver in the East Regional final. They are set to play Omaha on Thursday, April 9, in the National Semifinal.

BU's next matchup against Minnesota-Duluth was perhaps their toughest challenge yet, with both teams playing another well-fought game. Tied at two throughout the second period, the Terriers found the back of the net for the final goal late in the third period on a wrist shot from Evan Rodrigues.

Second-seeded North Dakota made it to the Frozen Four with two 4-1 victories over Quinnipiac and St. Cloud State. In their game against St. Cloud, the saw a tie at 1-1 but other than that North Dakota hasn't been challenged in the tournament; BU will be sure to change that.

The Terriers have been challenged themselves in the past two games, so they are looking to keep things rolling and bring the same kind of intensity to this game versus North Dakota. I wouldn't be surprised to see a Hockey East matchup between BU and Providence in the finals, but as high stakes competition goes, anything can happen.

Bruins stagger to season finale against Tampa Bay

PHOTO FROM BOSTON HERALD

The Boston Bruins have been decimated by injuries this season but are still contenders for a playoff spot in the East. David Krecji Milan Lucic are constantly atop the league in point scorers, but injuries have slowed them down.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

The Boston Bruins season has been a roller coaster ride filled with plenty of ups but a lot more downs. As we get down to the final month of the season, the Bruins find themselves on the brink of the playoffs, and right now they could go either way.

With only a handful of games left, it's time to put all the heart and soul that they have into this one last push.

The season has not been the best, falling well short of expectations. Consistency is key in the NHL, which is why teams like Chicago and Los Angeles are usually the most successful in the game. But like the Bruins, the Kings are in the same boat as the Bruins.

David Krecji has consistently been atop the list of point scorers in recent years, but due to the injury bug Krecji has not played to his full potential. Krecji normally centers the line with Milan Lucic and David Pastrnak, but because of injuries and the emergence of Ryan Spooner, Krecji has found himself as a winger on the Bergeron-Marchand line.

With that said, Reilly Smith is surely the biggest disappointment this season. Smith came to Boston as a part of the Tyler Seguin trade, and while he had an overall good season last year, he's been well short of expectations, especially in the playoffs. The 23-year old managed a stellar 51 points last year, but this year has dipped significantly, managing a mere 38 points on the season.

With five games in the month of April, four of which are on the road, the Bruins need at least nine out of the 10 points to make the playoffs. Florida is clinging onto their glimmer of postseason hope, but the Bruins can crush their postseason hopes with a much needed win on the road.

Two very winnable games are on the road in Detroit and at home against Toronto. Detroit will either take on Montreal or Tampa in the first round, but they'll love to play spoiler. Meanwhile, Toronto has nothing to lose, and they would love to beat their longtime rival.

10 points are on the table, but Ottawa is hot on their tail as well. The Senators, led by "Hamburglar" Andrew Hammond, have been one of the hottest teams in hockey over the last month and a half.

If they keep up their current pace, they can sneak into that final spot and leave the Bruins behind.

Hopefully Coach Claude Julien has the guys ready, because this final push will be one of the toughest stretches of hockey they will face all season.

Roll Tide

Alabama football controversies raise questions about academic integrity

PHOTO FROM FOX SPORTS

The most notable college football program is not immune to its share of offseason issues. Three players were recently arrested in a four day span, including a domestic violence charge that was later recanted. Academic integrity has been challenged because of high acceptance rates for players of questionable history.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

The Alabama Crimson Tide football team has come under scrutiny after three players were arrested and charged in four days. One of the most notable players arrested, although the allegations were later recanted, was Jonathan Taylor, who was dismissed from the team following domestic violence third-degree criminal mischief and domestic violence third-degree assault charges.

The dismissal follows less than nine months after being dismissed from the University of Georgia football team in July 2014, where he was charged with family violence and aggravated assault after choking his girlfriend, although the case is still under investigation.

Backup running back Tyren Jones was also dismissed from the team after being arrested for marijuana possession. The incident was not his first, as he had been suspended from the team in February prior to his arrest. Geno Smith was also arrested following his second DUI arrest in two years, although he still remains a member of the team.

These recent arrests, along with numerous other incidents that happen on a number of occasions, raise serious question as to who these programs should admit into their schools and who they shouldn't.

The real problem is not that this is happening in these schools or even that it is reflective of the schools themselves or the NCAA, but instead that these schools admit these students regardless of any previous behavioral or academic issues merely because they can provide revenue to the school through sports.

In terms of acceptance into college, Division I athletes as a whole gain a substantial amount of leeway when compared to admissions standards of other students.

Today, a student-athlete can get a full scholarship to a top-notch institution such as USC, UC-Berkeley or Notre Dame with a 2.5 GPA and an 800 combined SAT score at a public school with a stellar athletic program, whereas another prospective student who has near-perfect academic credentials from a highly-touted private school might not even be considered.

At less prestige schools, such as Ole Miss, Auburn and LSU, it might even be less selective, where as long as students reach the absolute minimum standards, they can still be eligible for admittance and scholarships to their schools.

What's even worse is that these coaches and schools give these students admission to these schools with near-full amenities provided to them knowing this. These students who are barely passing admissions standards are often plagued with attitude or behavioral issues, where they either cannot meet the academic requirements set by the school, lack motivation to contribute to the school, or defame the school and themselves through their own misconduct.

Granted, this is not always the case where students who do worse in the classrooms are more prone to incidents such as Taylor's, but the fact is that these programs do so little research or selectivity at all, making them much more vulnerable to situations such as the ones Alabama and plenty of other Division I programs face on a regular basis.

Perhaps it's time for these colleges to be more selective in their recruiting process as to prevent their programs from admitting students whose character or qualifications are exponentially lower than other students admitted or even applying.

If you want to solve a problem, you have to start at the root, and the only way that problems such as this can be avoided is to monitor who you chose to represent your program and your school.

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Your temper will get the best of you this week. Avoid all social contact. In fact, don't bother leaving the house.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Taurus's always strive to go the whole nine yards. Too bad you'll be trippin' at yard eight this week.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
The stars report you've earned a spot on the Easter Bunny's naughty list. Something smells like sulfur...

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Don't count your Easter eggs before they've hatched.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Leo's are known to be materialistic. Unfortunately, your work ethic is as substantial as your bank account.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
A passionate love affair awaits your significant other and a much more attractive man or woman than yourself.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
No Easter plans? That's because your family took you off the invite list to their spectacular Easter party.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Expect a surprise visit from weird Uncle Al this Easter. Don't accept any of his mysterious Easter eggs.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
Stay away from all Taurus's who have viciously slandered you in the past.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
I strongly advise you rethink making an appearance at that Easter egg hunt that you're scheduled to attend this week.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
You will be taking a surprise trip for this Easter holiday! Wear protective headgear and don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
Your life is too bland to attract the attention of the stars. Spice it up or even the Easter Bunny will forget about you.

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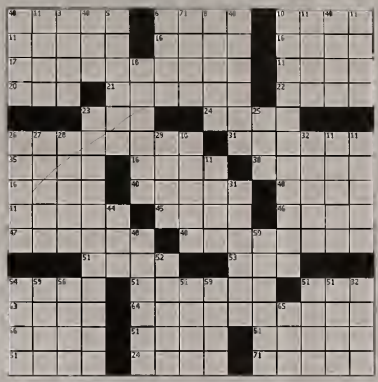

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6. Telemarket
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10. Mt. Rushmore gateway
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54. Jazz jargon
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21. Pleasing, as tones
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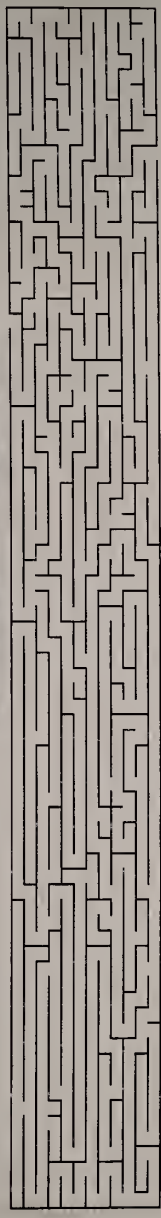

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4/6	7:30p	Al Sarah & The Nubatones—Concert/Discussion	Scanlon Banquet Hall
4/7	2:00p	Time Management Workshop	Banacos Center
4/7	2:30p	Suit Yourself!: Pick out suits for job interviews!	Ely Service Window
4/7	4:00p	Education & Non-Profit Job Fair	Scanlon Banquet Hall
4/7	6:30p	Mark Nickerson, Author	Savignano Auditorium
4/8	11:30a	Commuter Luncheon: SGA Sponsored	Tekoa Room
4/8	12:30p	Dept. of Music Presents: Martin Kasik, Piano	Dever Stage
4/8	3:00p	Leadership Voyage: Fish!	Ely 044
4/8	3:30p	Time Management Workshop	Banacos Center
4/8	4:30p	Stone Steak House Dinner: Buy Tickets at the DC	Dining Commons
4/8	4:30p	Leadership Voyage: Stress & Your Health	Ely 044
4/8	7:30p	Zumbathon: $3/person	Parenzo Gym
4/9	4:30p	Leadership Voyage: Problem Solving	Ely 044
4/9	5:30p	Jewish Student Org. Presents: Passover Seder	Scanlon Banquet Hall
4/10	7:00p	Women's Lacrosse v. Maritime	Alumni Field
4/10	8:00p	The Norman Magic Experience	Owl's Nest

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Vice president Marsha Marotta answers questions on Commencement and the Core

PHOTO BY DELANEY GEMBIS, PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Interim vice president of academic affairs Marsha Marotta speaks to the Student Government Legislature about Commencement tickets availability. Senators asked her questions about the senior class event and the Common Core and its review.

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, was the guest speaker at last Tuesday's Student Government Association meeting. Marotta took and clarified questions about the upcoming Commencement ceremony on Saturday, March 5. The Common Core studies were also brought to the forefront, with the value of taking core classes being debated with Marotta and the senators.

Marotta began her talk with the Commencement ceremony. She said a lot of the questions seniors have about the Commencement ceremony can be answered at the new and improved Commencement website, westfield.ma.edu/commencement.

She said all important dates and relevant information regarding Commencement can be found there.

Marotta then announced that, as of April 7, 717 students had registered and purchased tickets for Commencement bringing the total to 2,844 tickets. She said the number was only calculated for the one to four standard tickets that students could get. "In the same request, people asked for their plus two or plus one if they could get it, and, by the looks it, anyone who asked for extra seats will get it," Marotta said. She said, 1,052 plus one and two tickets were requested making the total ticket sales at 3,896.

She said 300 students have not registered yet for commencement. Based on how many of those 300 students get the standard one to four tickets, the plus-one and plus-two tickets will be available on April 10 to students who requested them.

There are 4,800 tickets in total. She said any leftover plus one or two tickets will be distributed by a lottery system.

Marotta brought up an issue that has happened in previous commencements regarding students leaving early after getting their diplomas.

She said the expectation is that students stay through the whole ceremony and, every year, the Commencement Committee tries to shorten the ceremony by 20 minutes.

This year, she said, the Committee shaved off about 10 minutes. "This is a community, this is your last event where you all gather as undergraduate students until you hear that gavel," Marotta said.

She hopes the students graduating will respect each other and respect the ceremony by staying for the whole ceremony. Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, asked Marotta how long commencement would last this year. She said the ceremony usually lasts three hours and it would be safe to bet on that time frame for families.

J.J. Terlaga, representative of the class of 2015, asked what the parking procedures for the ceremony were, and Marotta said that the Commencement website has maps of the area to show where you can park other than the MassMutual Center's garage.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, asked if there were any positions available for students to volunteer at the event. Marotta said there are a plethora of positions students can volunteer in, and it is a good way for sophomores and juniors to see what Commencement is like.

After the Commencement discussion, Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, asked Marotta if there is any special work being done to the Common Core studies due to the recent special meetings about them. Marotta said that the subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee is active in evaluating the Common Core, and every six years they will focus on a specific part of the core.

She continued and said one of the main points for this evaluation is to find out if the university's common core is right for today because the current core was established in 1998.

Marotta asked the SGA, "Does

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Subcommittee advances with project to fulfill requirements for President's Interfaith Challenge

Joskua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

PRESIDENT'S
INTERFAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
CAMPUS CHALLENGE

PHOTO BY WHITE HOUSE

The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge has been signed and adopted by Elizabeth Preston, interim president, and is being worked on by a subcommittee of the Interfaith Council. Members of the university community are encouraged to attend meetings of the council and its subcommittee.

An Interfaith Council Subcommittee is moving forward with a project to fulfill the requirements of the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

The challenge, enacted by President Barack Obama soon after his inauguration, is aimed to foster interfaith and community service on college campuses across the United States.

According to the White House website, the president feels the challenge is "an important way to build understanding between different communities and contribute to the common good."

Further, "[i]nterfaith service involves people from different religious and non-religious backgrounds tackling community challenges together – for example, Protestants and Catholics, Hindus and Jews, and Muslims and non-believers – building a Habitat for Humanity house together."

The Interfaith Council, made up of members of the campus community--the Interfaith Center clergy, Lisa McMahon from university advancement, Joshua Clark from SGA, Matthew Carlin from the Westfield State Foundation, students, and others--sanctioned a subcommittee to study projects that could be taken up by the university with interfaith and community service components.

Submitted by Elizabeth Preston, interim president, the Interfaith Council Subcommittee on the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge chose an initiative called PUSH.

PUSH, which stands for Presidents United to Solve Hunger, is an effort led by college and university presidents and chancellors who are working together to fight hunger on their campuses.

PUSH "is providing university presidents and students the resources they need to help commit their universities to a food-and-nutrition-secure world," according to the initiative's website.

The subcommittee is hoping to work on food security on the Westfield State campus before branching out to the Westfield community. Efforts to achieve this include: running food drives, working to secure monies to pay for meal plans for students, and potentially creating a food bank on campus.

This initiative is currently in the planning stages.

According to the minutes of the subcommittee, the plan is due to begin implementation in the fall of 2015. This does not necessarily mean that there will be food drives or a campus food bank at that time, but the work to create these items will begin.

Fr. Warren Savage, Catholic chaplain, has explained in Interfaith Council and Subcommittee meetings that "there is no cooperation amongst people on campus. There are no bridges."

He has said that there are so many food drives on campus, but no one coordinates them so that there is no crossing over each other.

Members of the campus community are encouraged to attend Interfaith Council and subcommittee meetings. Both committees have seats for a representative from each of the SGA-recognized religiously-based clubs and organizations.

More information about PUSH can be found at alliancetoendhunger.org.

The next meeting of the Interfaith Council is April 22 at 4 p.m. in the lounge of the Interfaith Center.

The next meeting of the subcommittee is May 6 at 4 p.m. in the same location.

'Pizza with the candidates' announced

From news reports

Andrew Morin, SGA executive secretary, announced at Tuesday's SGA meeting that 'Pizza with the Candidates' will be done this year as well.

The event will be held April 15 at 4 p.m. in the Owl's Nest.

The event is an opportunity to listen to candidates for SGA and Class Council.

DIVISION OF GRADUATE AND CONTINUING STUDIES

Westfield State University hires Jennifer Hixon to develop Physician Assistant program

From news release

Westfield State University has hired educator, administrator, and practicing physician assistant Jennifer Hixon, D.H.Sc., PA-C, to develop a new Master of Science in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program.

Hixon's appointment is the first step in Westfield State's establishment of a proposed Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, which, if approved, will be the first and only public graduate PA program in New England. Experts in the health care field project significant shortages of primary care providers, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that employment for physician assistants will grow by 38 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than average.

Forbes.com named it the most promising job of 2015.

Hixon is widely known in Western Massachusetts as the founding program director of the Bay Path University Physician Assistant Program where she was responsible for developing all aspects of the program including curriculum development, facilities management, and faculty recruitment, key elements required for the successful completion of the American Review Commission-PA (ARC-PA) Provisional Accreditation Process.

"Establishing a public PA program is a personal passion and I am eager to begin developing the roadmap at Westfield State that will provide a comprehensive yet affordable pathway for students. The program outline has unique goals and I envision our future students able to take advantage of employment opportunities both here in Western Massachusetts and across the country," said Hixon.

Jennifer Hixon, new director of the PA program.

A priority strategy for Westfield State's PA program will be to attract a diverse pool of students and the program will place a significant emphasis on intercultural awareness and diversity. Additionally, Hixon is focused on creating a personalized learning experience for the estimated 20 students expected to enroll in the entering class. "Our intent is to keep this program small so we can provide individualized instruction and ensure program excellence," said Hixon.

Physician Assistant Studies will complement existing and planned undergraduate and post-baccalaureate health sciences programming at the university. Enrollment for the two-year program will begin pending provisional accreditation from ARC with laboratory classes housed in the university's new Science Center, which is scheduled to open in August 2016.

"It is of paramount importance that Westfield State creates solutions that serve and sustain the institution as well as respond to important regional needs, such as providing qualified health care professionals to serve Western Massachusetts citizens. We are extremely fortunate to launch the graduate PA program with Dr. Hixon whose deep experience in the field and commitment to public higher education will uniquely position Westfield State to prepare students for a growing profession," said Elizabeth H. President, president, Westfield State University.

A physician assistant is a healthcare professional who is nationally certified and state-licensed, practicing medicine on teams with physicians and other providers. PAs can take medical histories, conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, develop treatment plans, write prescriptions, assist in surgery and make rounds in hospitals and nursing homes.

Previously, Hixon was Dean of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Physician Assistant Studies and the program director for the Springfield College Physician Assistant Program. She was also a site visitor for the ARC-PA.

As a practitioner Hixon served as physician assistant of sports medicine and orthopedic surgery for the United States Field Hockey Olympic Team. At the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea, Hixon was responsible for the medical welfare of the athletes of the team, coordinating care with the team physician, and creating conditioning programs.

Hixon serves on the governance committee of the Physician Assistant Educators Association and is a founding board member of the KEVS Foundation, which aims to educate and help prevent Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in children and young adults.

Hixon holds a B.S. in physician assistant studies from Hahnemann University, an M.S. in industrial/organizational psychology from Springfield College, and a doctorate of health science from Nova Southeastern University.

Science center tree falls off structure

Joshua Clark
Online Managing Editor

The tradition-laden Christmas tree that topped the iron frame of the science center fell down over the weekend.

The absence of the tree was first noticed on Monday morning as students were returning to campus from the Easter weekend.

Curt Robie, university director of capital projects, confirmed that the tree fell off over the weekend due to the wind. In fact, the wind had played a part in causing the tree to lean when it was first raised to the top of the structure on Tuesday, March 31.

Robie said that the tree would be coming down anyway since the deck is going to be put on the structure sometime this week or next.

He said that, although the tree is put up as part of Scandinavian tradition to ward off evil spirits, there should be no concern that the structure is in any danger.

The flag, which is flying above the structure, is supposed to be displayed in the building or in the campus center upon completion of its construction.

The March 31 topping off ceremony was attended by Westfield city and university officials as well as officials from the construction and architecture firms. The beam was signed by attendees.

A St. Christopher medal was also buried by the construction firm.

news from other schools

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University of Mass. Amherst

In October 2015, the Dalai Lama will speak at Smith College, Amherst College, and finally, UMass Amherst. This event is put on in association with the Mind and Life Institute of Hadley. The purpose of this lecture is to promote ethics and education and compassion in education around the world.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Syracuse University has announced the members of the search committee for the next director of athletics. The committee includes University Trustee Steve Ballentine, Professor Rick Burton, Coach Veronica Dyer, University Trustee James Kuhn, University Trustee Robert Miron, Professor LaVonda Reed, and others.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences will vote Tuesday on whether to keep pre-term planning as part of their system. The program requires that undergraduates select courses that they plan to take the following semester. The choices are not binding, but have been debated since their implementation in 2010.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

As of this past Monday, the University of Connecticut has hosted its first polo championship. The National Intercollegiate Polo Championship brings teams from across the country together on one campus. The tournament will go until Saturday. Roughly 65 horses are currently being housed on the UConn campus, provided by several teams.

Westfield State students break gender and cultural barriers

PHOTO COURTESY OF ARIELLE WATSON

Student Chelsea Orifice and associate professors Lucia Suárez and Anna Schur attend the Literature, Gender, and Culture: A Cross-Cultural Conversation conference in the Scanlon banquet hall.

From Press Release

On March 24, Westfield State University held its conference "Literature, Gender, and Culture: A Cross-Cultural Conversation," a panel of academic papers, readings, and performances in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

The event was part of the university's annual Month Celebrating Women calendar. For nearly 30 years, Westfield State has held events dedicated towards awareness and celebration of women's rights and issues involving women globally. What started as a week-long celebration organized around International Women's Day (March 8) is now a month-long tribute complete with guest speakers, concerts, and art exhibits. The month is organized by faculty, staff, and the department of diversity, inclusion, and student activities and is led by Ron'na Lytle, administrative assistant of the ethnic and gender studies and world language studies departments.

The panel brought together post-colonial scholars for a presentation that demonstrated how multiple fields intersect and contributed to current debates about the lives of formerly colonized and marginalized people, and focused on female experiences.

"Literature, Gender, and Culture" was organized by Carol Bailey, assistant professor of English, to coincide with three classes she is teaching this semester: Contemporary Cultural Literature, Post-Colonial Literature, and Black American Literature.

The featured author was Marie-Elena John, a former development specialist of the African Development Foundation. In 1986, she was the first Black woman valedictorian at New York's City College. She then earned her master's in international affairs from Columbia University.

Two of the panelists chosen for the event were Westfield State students Chelsea Orifice '16 and graduate student Matthew Shand.

"It was hard to choose the students because they are all so wonderful and capable," said Bailey. "Two key factors were the grasp each has on the material we have been studying and how they are as presenters of that material."

Other panelists included: Brian Chen, assistant professor of English (Westfield State); Enrique Morales-Diaz, professor of world language studies (Westfield State); Katwiwa Mule, associate professor of comparative literature (Smith College); Asha Nadkarni, assistant professor of English (UMass Amherst); Chelsea Orifice '16 (Westfield State student); Anna Schur, associate professor of English (Keene State); Lucía M. Suárez, associate professor of Spanish (Amherst College); Matthew Shand '18 (Westfield State graduate student).

English and secondary education major Chelsea Orifice presented her paper on her own personal experience discovering cross-cultural literature: how she discovered it and how she intends to bring it into her own classroom.

"I chose this topic because I feel very passionately about incorporating cross-cultural texts into the curriculum," Orifice said. "I believe that if you are only reading American and British texts, or predominately Anglo-Saxon texts, then students are learning that their culture is more important than other peoples'."

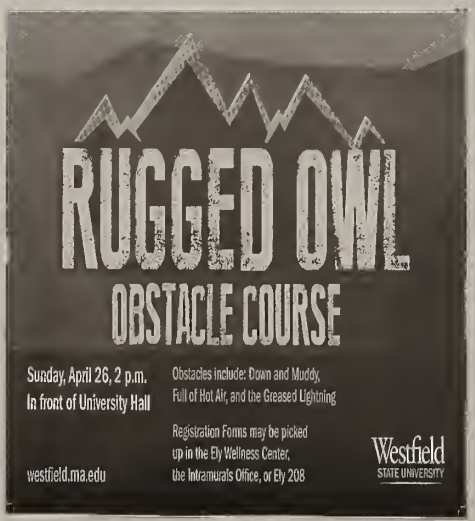
Graduate student Matthew Shand presented his cross-cultural paper around women's perspectives.

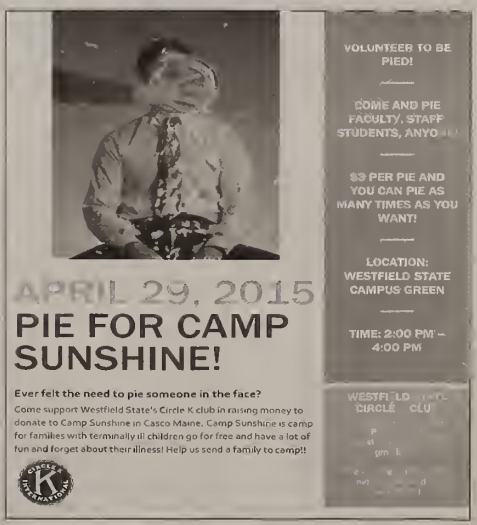
"My paper moved from when I was a child in Florida to my current experience as a graduate student here at Westfield State," Shand said. "It contained my thoughts on the importance of women's voices, specifically women of color in changing the white male discourses that surround all of us every day."

"I was actually both terrified and excited because this was the first time I have ever presented a paper and spoke for a symposium before," said Shand.

While Orifice was initially intimidated to read her own reflection, she powered through with confidence and grace.

"All I can really say is that presenting is such an amazing opportunity for everyone, I loved hearing about other people's research and the reception of my own paper was a great affirmation for what I want to do with my life," said Orifice. "I am lucky to be at such an amazing campus filled with opportunities such as these, because it's experiences like these I can take into my own classroom."





CAULFIELD - *from the front page*

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(above left) SGA vice president of student life Joshua Clark asks Marsha Marotta, interim vice president of academic affairs, if the Common Core has been reviewed by NEASC, the body that provides colleges and universities with their accreditations. (above right) The SGA Legislature voting on the first of two amendments submitted by Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, at Tuesday's SGA meeting.

our core make sense to you?"

Joshua Frank, student representative to the board of trustees, said that the core presents challenges in trying to balance those credits and obtain credits for a minor. He said he knew other schools that had significantly less required credits in their Common Core and that Westfield State does a good job achieving its goal in giving students a liberal arts education with the core. However, it could be done in a better way, he said.

Morgan Suddeth, representative of the class of 2017, said when she was an incoming first-year student, she was overwhelmed by the large Common Core and found she was doing more credits for the core than her own major.

Marotta said that the theory and philosophy behind the present Common Core today is to give students a broad understanding of different areas of study to ultimately maks them well-rounded individuals regardless of their major.

She did say in response to a number of senators criticizing the length of credits in the core, "does the core have too many credits? I do not think a lot of people would argue with you about it having too many credits hut the question is what is the right number of credits and how should we approach it going forward, especially with student involvement."

A numher of other students advocated for more civic-engagement courses within the core as well as more options to take a core that involves their major to create connections.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, brought up a point that some classes in the core are major restricted only and do not have enough sections for students to he in those classes. Realizing this, Marotta jokingly returned to the theory and philosophy of the core and questioned its openness with a puzzled face that made the senators laugh a bit. She said she will look into the availability of those major restricted classes in the core and report hack to the senators.

Frank said the university should look into communicating with other state universities to see how their Common Core system is set up and let them look at ours. "I think we are going to review and look at our core and he a little hiased if we do not have outside eyes looking at it hecause we are so used to it and accepting of it. We may hear some school say to us that we have an outdated method," Frank said. Marotta said it was a good suggestion.

Ariana Roche, representative-at-large, said she is a hig fan of ths Common Core and that it works well in a liberal arts university. "Our common core could use some minor adjustments, but overall, it works well," she said.

After Marotta thanked the students for their input, Rehecca DiVico, president of the SGA, claimed the podium and gave her report.

She said all students should take the, "Student Satisfaction Survey for WSU Health Services," from their emails to help Health Services and give them feedhack on what to change in their work.

After the madam presidsnt was finished she called Frank to give the Board of Trustees report. Hs first said that the annual state house day event in Boston was a success as Westfield State was one of ths largest represented colleges at the event. In regards to the Board of Trustees rsport, Frank said that the University has received a three percent increase to its budget.

The Board, he said, approved 22 new faculty promotions and approved three proposed honorary degrees, including this year's commencement speaker Brandon Stanton. The Board agreed on eliminating the corporate credit card use policy on campus, he said.

Frank said the next Board of Trustee meeting will be on June 25 at 3 p.m. in the President's Boardroom at the Horace Mann Center.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, reported that housing sign-ups was successful aside from the screw-up with the sophomores who were mistakenly ahle to register for apartments on the first night.

He did say that there were some returning students who will be living in Dickinson Hall next year because Residence Life held rooms in Courtney and Scanlon Halls that would have ordinarily been available for those returning students for incoming first-years in Living and Learning Communities.

Clark encouraged students to attend the Passover Seder on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Scanlon Banquet Hall C. The Seder is a Jewish holiday related to Passover, which began on April 3.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian, was expected to present the four amendments from last week to the SGA to pass them officially into the SGA Constitution. This week the amendments needed a three-fourths vote to pass.

Palis quickly announced that the two amendments from Daniel Chamherlain, vice president of programming, were pulled from voting and therefore withdrawn. Sources say it is to be restructured and resubmitted to the SGA before the end of the semester.

Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, and her Blue Key Committee bylaw changes were presented as scheduled, and both passed unanimously. However, Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, motioned to change the language of the first amendment.

The first amendment read, "The BKC shall convene to review all nomination papers and information provided no less than two times. No final decisions shall be made by the committee during this session: however, preliminary votes may be taken." Clark advocated changing "this session" to create a clearer understanding on when the BKC would make their decision. Dina said it would be during the committee's first session, and Clark's motion to change "this session" to "during the first session," which passed unanimously.

The second amendment submitted by Dina related to the length of time that nominees have to respond to their nominations was passed unanimously as well.

With three more meetings lsft and elections just around the corner, the SGA is in full throttls as the semester comes to a quick and springliks end.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be April 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

crime log

On March 30, a larceny occurred at 12:38 p.m. in the Dining Commons. Trespasses were issued.

On March 30, a larceny occurred at 7:55 p.m. in Mod Hall. The case is being investigated.

On April 4, an outstanding warrant was encountered at 3:50 p.m. on Ely Road. An arrest was made.

On April 6, destruction of property occurred at 9:43 a.m. in South Lot. A summons was mailed.

On April 7, a larceny occurred at 7:53 p.m. in Lammers Hall. The case is being investigated.

from the voice vault

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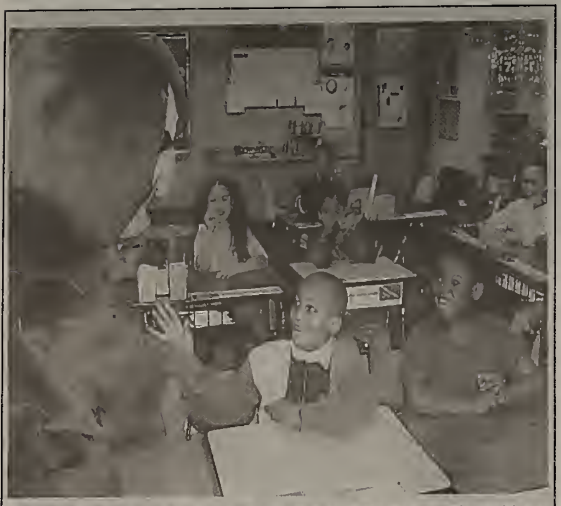

Nestor and the Westfield State College men's basketball team visited the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School in Springfield to promote the importance of reading and literacy skills.
Photo By Nancy Bals

Hoop Team Promotes Literacy

Student-athletes from the Westfield State College men's basketball team have been visiting the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School in Springfield, Mass., to promote the importance of reading and building literacy skills.

The student-athletes, accompanied by Nestor - the Westfield State mascot - read to the children in a number of designated classes at the school. The Westfield State students are promoting the importance and fun of reading, as well as the importance of learning and staying focused. The children, in turn, have time to question the college students about their experiences.

The reading program is an extension of the "The Richard T Cofield Writing Program." The tutorial involves members of the men's basketball teams attending structured one-on-one tutorials led by Westfield State English professor Trevor Hodge.

Professor Hodge initiated the program after the passing of Ricky Martin Cofield on the basketball court on Oct. 16, 2002. Ricky was not only a promising freshman member of the basketball team, he was an active member of Professor Hodge's English composition class.

The tutorials and the mentoring are significantly helping the athletes with their writing scores and their attitude regarding writing.

"I have seen college students benefit from working with kids time and time again," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals. "With each visit, I have seen the student-athletes walk away with their heads held a little higher. There is something about how kids look up to them that boosts their self-esteem. We are hoping this increased self esteem will benefit them in the classroom."

The elementary school students are also excited to be involved with the mentoring program, according to Hodge.

"The reaction from both students and teachers was overwhelmingly good. It is my understanding that many of the classrooms we visited wanted to read for the remainder of the day, so apparently something stuck," he said. "The school principal thanks us greatly for their contributions and our commitment to promoting literacy."

The program is being funded by a Verizon and NCAA grant for literacy. In addition, part of the funding will be used by Westfield State to donate 20 books to the Rebecca Johnson Elementary School.

I have a head like a cat. I have feet like a cat. But I am not a cat. What am I?

A Kitten

Lambda Sigma to select new inductees

By Emily Ransom
Assistant Editor

Calling all freshmen. Class of 2007 students with grade point averages of 3.0 or higher are eligible for induction into Lambda Sigma, the sophomore honor society. Eligible freshmen receive letters inviting them to join. Westfield State College has the only chapter of the society in Massachusetts and currently has a very active and successful chapter.

Co-ritual chair Kaitlyn Foster explained the induction process as levels. After freshmen receive letters, Foster explained the next step as a general interest meeting, then later interested freshmen complete an application and go through an interview process. Foster said, "they also are required to attend at least two Lambda Sigma events." After the chapter is set, those accepted vote to fill officer and chair positions. They also participate in an induction ceremony/banquet.

President, vice president secretary and treasurer officers are all needed as well as historian, and web page designer. New Lambda Sigma students vote on whether they would prefer to have co-chairs or one. 2003-2004 opted to have all co-chair positions for ritual chairs, service, social and fundraising.

The honor society's mission includes "leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service" but members feel there is more to it. "We don't just work together, we have really become friends and as a group we get a lot accomplished and have a good time doing it," said Vice President Eddie Paris.

President Steve Sawyer says he is pleased with this year's chapter fundraising for charities. According to Sawyer, "The money raised by Lambda Sigma for the Rays of Hope Breast Cancer walk was the largest group charitable fundraiser Westfield State College has had."

Billy Bennett, co-fundraising chair said, "this year's Lambda Sigma society has really come together as a whole in a way that has made it easy to facilitate our fundraising both for the society and more importantly for the various organizations we have contributed to." Bennett also added "I am really looking forward to working with the Society during the rest of the semester as we continue to be successful."

Fundraising began before induction at the end of the 2003 semester when students collected redeemable cans in residence halls. Over the summer Lambda Sigma sold raffle tickets for another fundraiser. For the latest fundraiser, members had a scratch card with coupons for each circle scratched for contributions ranging from 25 cents to $2.50 totaling in $1.00 for each card. They collected money and got sponsors for the Rays of Hope Breast Cancer walk.

Lambda Sigma has also completed notable service projects with more to come. Jared boxes for terminally ill children at Bay State Hospital, cards and a visit to a local nursing home are just a few of the charitable events Lambda Sigma offers.

Plans for future service projects are in the discussion stages and as induction ceremonies as well.

Current Lambda Sigma members encourage eligible freshmen to participate or to contact Lambda Sigma at wsclambdasigma@hotmail.com or to contact one of the co-ritual chairs.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Rand Paul launches presidential bid

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

While the conservative spotlight focuses on the recent presidential bid of Ted Cruz, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul has also announced his intention to run for president.

With Ted Cruz taking a good majority of the conservative spotlight, it would seem that Rand Paul took his sweet time announcing his obvious presidential bid. A first-term senator of Kentucky, Rand Paul was seen as a potential candidate for the highly contested primary. Rand comes from an extremely well-known family of libertarians and is constantly attempting to distinguish himself from his father Ron Paul - a former member of the House of Representatives.

Rand made his announcement on his website before appearing before a crowded stage in Louisville, Kentucky. He stated before the crowd, "The Washington machine that gobbles up our freedoms and invades every nook and cranny of our lives must be stopped." This sort of technologically-heavy campaigning was expected of Rand, who is promising to appeal to the younger voters of the GOP. Though, since the power of the Tea Party is questionable at best, his candidacy is in question.

Rand Paul first became a Senator in 2010 when he rode his popularity during the height of the Tea Party movement. As a young Senator, Rand has proven to be anything but soft-spoken on issues relating to drones and governmental surveillance. He once spoke for over 12 hours attacking President Obama's policy on drone usages, and he followed up with the President's nomination of John Brennan to head the CIA.

Despite some early popularity, Rand Paul has run into some confrontations with the upper-party leadership like Speaker Boehner and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Paul has openly challenged many of his fellow Republicans on Capital Hill. The Senator has made it clear that he holds critical views on issues such as government surveillance and drone policies — often criticizing his fellow senators on their stances.

However, Paul has often been seen as an isolationist with his attitude towards the US Military spending budget and his foreign policy views. That is to say that Paul believes the military is too big and is being misused.

Unlike the other hundred-something potential candidates gunning for the Republican nomination, like Ted Cruz and Governors Jeb Bush and Scott Walker, Rand Paul has an unusual problem with his father. No not "daddy" issues, but rather the fact that Ron Paul has made numerous failed attempts at the White House while being a representative.

Ron Paul has some very unique opinions regarding his stances on both foreign policy and domestic affairs. Ron appealed to a young demographic of Republicans focusing more on a healthy amount of individual freedoms and a microscopic government. The elder Paul is known for his criticisms against the Federal Reserve and condemnation of government spending on both social programs and the military.

Rand, however, has made a good attempt at distancing himself from his father on foreign policy issues by rallying for air strikes against the Islamic State (ISIS) while also condemning the current violence in Crimea. However, on domestic issues he will not go as far as others in the "Ban the Fed" movement, but he does support an independent audit of the Federal Reserve done at a reasonable interval.

With a filibuster against Obamas drone policy in 2013 alongside his major condemnation of civil forfeiture laws, civil liberties is probably the view that Rand has most in common with his father.

Can Rand actually pull off a successful presidential bid? It all depends on his opponents at this point. Ted Cruz has had a few mishaps in the last few weeks, including his own father making a few not so respectable remarks on President Obama. Jeb Bush, who is expected to announce his candidacy before the end of the month, must be ready to deal with comparisons to his father and his brother (both who served during controversial times).

I personally fear that Rand Paul may not be the absolute best choice for the Republican nomination — yes, I agree his candidacy will bring a good perspective to the upcoming debates and issue stances, but, in terms of a national election, the GOP will need to put someone more moderate/center-leaning in order to pose any sort of threat to Democratic front-runners Hilary Clinton and the hopeful Elizabeth Warren.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Yoga is more than just stretching; its a lifestyle

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

"The traditional purpose of Yoga, however, has always been to bring about a profound transformation in the person through the transcendence of the ego" (Fleuerstein 3)

Yoga has many more benefits aside from increasing flexibility and strength. Its exact history and origins are uncertain; however, it is widely believed to have originated from the East. Yoga originally focused on applying and understanding the world as well as attaining self-enlightenment.

Modern day yoga is comprised of five principles:

- Proper exercise
- Proper relaxation
- Proper breathing
- Proper diet
- Proper thinking and meditation

Since Yoga has been more than just a way of teaching, there are many aspects that encompass the lifestyle. In addition to meditation techniques, healthy eating, bathing, and social habits are a vital part of the overall well-being that relates to yoga.

There are many health benefits that can help people of all ages. It can lower your stress and improve your mood by using meditation techniques to focus your mind and your breathing.

This can be a major stress reliever for those who have constant "mind chatter." Deep breathing exercises raise oxygen levels in the body, and, as a result, you are left feeling happier and more centered.

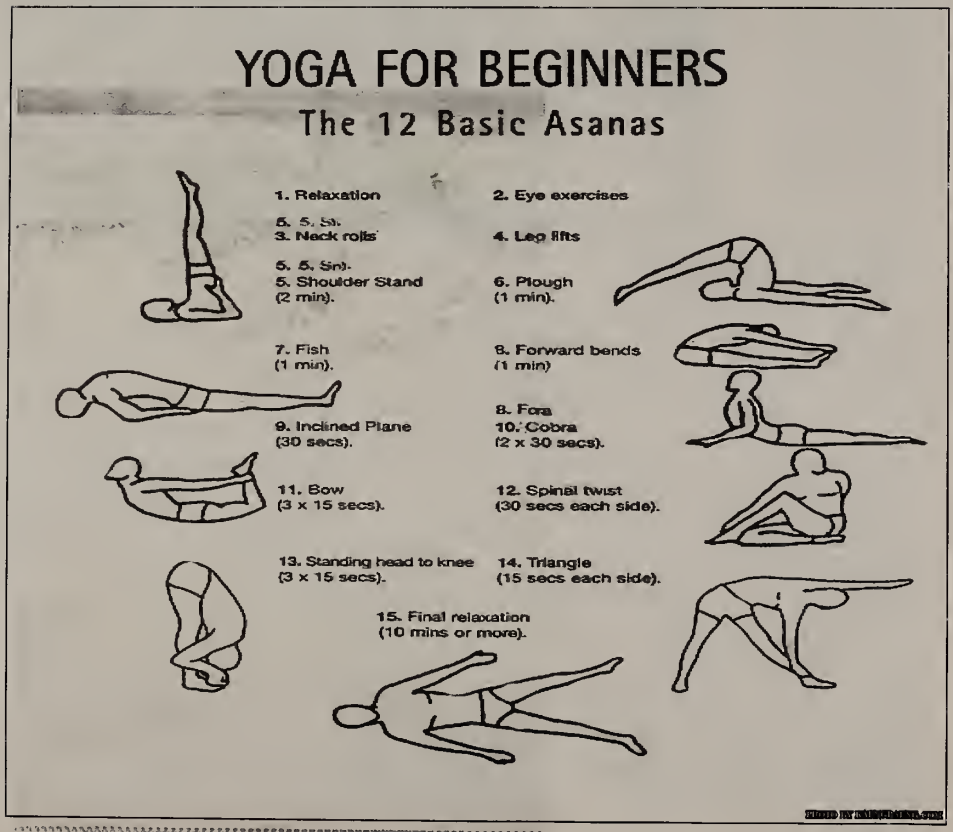
The risk of injury is also lowered. Vigorous exercises, such as running, have rapid movements that increase the risk for injury. While these exercises are important in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, it is important to also incorporate lower-impact exercises that help to relax, realign, and release tension in the body.

Yoga also helps you lose weight. A major contributor to weight gain is stress, and yoga helps in relieving stress while also acting as a form of exercise. Yoga also safely stretches your muscles and other soft tissues like ligaments and tendons. Your range of motion is increased, and this can help with preventing injuries and lower back pain.

Practicing yoga is a great way to improve muscle tone and strength. Standing poses strengthen upper-leg muscles and the lower back. Poses such as downward dog, upward dog, and the plank, also strengthen the core.

Posture is also improved because, by maintaining a healthy weight and also strengthening your back and abdominal muscles, you can fully support your weight and be able to sit and stand correctly.

If practiced correctly, yoga has many benefits for physical and spiritual wellness.



from the editors' desks

Urine and the Globe: Why the bad behavior? You're in college!

There seems to be a missing connection here.

The men of Davis Hall seem to be living in some sort of twilight zone.

When, ever, in our society is it acceptable to urinate anywhere but the toilet?

That seems to be what is acceptable by the men of that residence hall, who after multiple — read: multiple — thousands of dollars have accumulated in damages related to misplaced urine, were sat down by Residence Life staff to ask the question "Why?"

Ryan Caulfield, our SGA correspondent, covered the event, but it really should never have happened.

This university is our home for nine months out of the year. If you would urinate on the floor or walls of your bathroom, then that would be an explanation as to the origins of this behavior.

Most likely the answer is going to be that in no way has anyone purposefully urinated on the floor or walls of their bathroom.

This behavior is reserved for toddlers and the extremely elderly, subsections of our population who may have problems with their bladders, not college students.

The expectation upon entering college is that, although students will have newfound freedoms and liberties, there will be an emergence of mature behavior and a developing of a sense of independence.

Forcing the hard-working maintainers to clean up urine from the floor and walls of batbrooms in that residence hall (or any residence hall for that matter) is so beyond immature that it should not even need mentioning.

The men of the hall are attempting to cobble together a proposal to have their sanctions lifted and to show a commitment to behaving better, but should they not be ashamed that they have to develop a plan to tackle their urine?

This is a similar kind of argument that can be made for those who damaged the globe.

What kinds of rewards are there for that behavior? Is there some sense of adrenaline or euphoria that is gained from destruction of property?

We are expected to be stewards of this university while we are here.

We need to take care of it for the future generations of college students that may pass through here.

Urinating wherever we please is something an animal or a child with a diaper would do.

Sure, students will be angered by this position, but that in itself says something.

You're in college. Start acting like it.

Do you like to write?
Do you like to edit?
Do you like to take photos?
Do you like to socialize with people?
Are you human?

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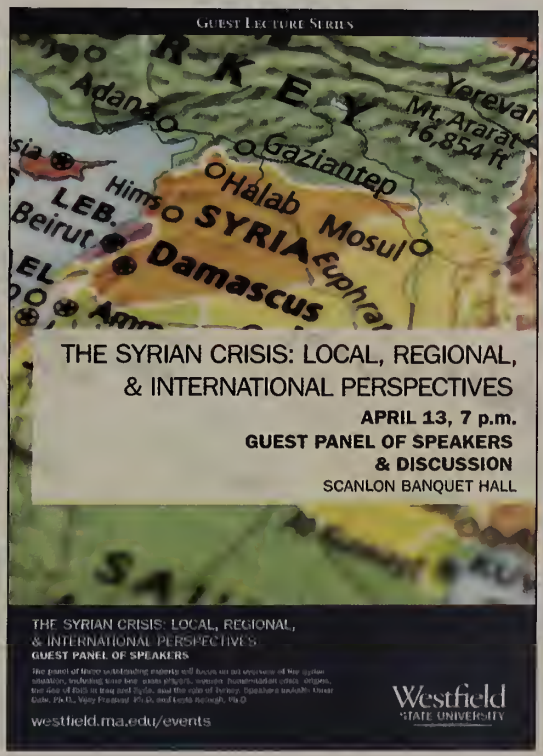

Tickets are now available for the Spring Weekend concert featuring Joel Crouse and Ashley Monroe!

*Tickets for the Spring Weekend Concert on Saturday, April 25 will be $10.00 per ticket for students and $10.00 per ticket for a registered Spring Weekend guest (if applicable). Students may purchase up to two tickets. You will receive an **E**-ticket for each ticket purchase from UniversityTickets. A printed **E**-Ticket must be brought to the concert in order to gain entrance. Your E-Ticket will be scanned at the door. You must have a printed E-Ticket to attend the concert on Saturday, April 26. **IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SCAN TICKETS DIRECTLY FROM CELL PHONES***

Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are non-refunable and nontransferable.

If you are a resident student and would like to have a guest for Spring Weekend, there are a limited number of guests permitted in residence halls. Please go to MyHousing for more information and to register your guest. Guest registration is from April 1 - April 22. A $15.00 guest registration fee is required for all guests. A guest wishing to attend the concert must be wearing a guest wristband issued from the office of Residential Life.*

If you are a commuting student and would like to have a guest at the concert and/or to attend other scheduled Spring Weekend activities, please come to the SGA Office to register your guest. Guest registration is from April 1 - April 22. A $15.00 guest registration fee is required for all guests. A guest wishing to attend the concert must be wearing a guest wristband issued from the Student Government Association Office.*

Combating PTSD

Westfield State hosts author and psychotherapist Mark Nickerson

From Press Release

Westfield State University hosted Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) and author Mark Nickerson as he gives a lecture on his book "The Wounds Within: A Veteran, a PTSD Therapist, and a Nation Unprepared" on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Savignano Auditorium in Wilson Hall.

Mark Nickerson is a local psychotherapist and is known internationally for his expertise in treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He conducts lectures, trainings, and consultations with people who wish to seek treatment for problematic anger, hostility and violent behavior, problematic behaviors, trauma, family conflicts, men's issues, as well as he provides to meet the needs of combat veterans and their families. Outside of his practice, Nickerson works to help remove the social stigma often associated with veterans suffering from PTSD.

Nickerson's book, "The Wounds Within" depicts the story of Marine Lance Corporal Jeff Lucey, a patient of Nickerson's and brother of a Westfield State alumna, who committed suicide after returning home from a Marine Reserve deployment in Iraq.

Recent alumnus, Jim Keedy organized the event after having a personal connection to Lucey's story. Growing up in the same hometown as the Lucey family and being an Army veteran, Keedy has a "sincere belief in the importance of PTSD awareness."

"As an Army veteran, I've seen firsthand the effects that post-traumatic stress disorder can have on returning servicemen and women," said Keedy.

"Many civilians don't fully realize, and can't comprehend the internal struggles of many returning combat veterans," Keedy continued. "I figured that as one of the highest ranked public universities for veteran students, Westfield State was the perfect place to teach and inform people about an issue as prevalent and misunderstood as PTSD."

The book discusses Jeff and his family's experience while exploring the broader issues of war, trauma, and the need for services to assist those recovering from PTSD.

Nickerson explains the various forms of PTSD for veterans and in one chapter, writes about a particular case where he was able to successfully treat a traumatized veteran for PTSD using "eye-movement desensitization and reprocessing" (EMDR).

His book goes into detail about suicide prevention strategies and other challenges veterans and their families may face after returning home, and preaches about how to raise awareness, on local and national levels, of veterans' needs.

EMDR is Nickerson's therapy of choice for those suffering from PTSD. It is a non-traditional and innovative form of treatment for PTSD and does not involve verbal communication or medication.

Instead, EMDR involves the movement of the psychotherapist's fingers in front of the patient's eyes as they recall a negative or traumatizing event, which helps to diminish the negative power of emotionally charged memories.

In addition to counseling and writing, Nickerson co-founded the Men's Resource Center of Western Mass., is the Director of Parent Education for the Hampshire County Court's Bar Association, and has designed and facilitated creative and effective programs to reduce the conflict between separate families, including co-parenting classes. Nickerson is the 2014 President of the International Association for EMDR – a leading form of treatment for victims of PTSD.

Keedy's main goal in organizing this event is to, "help foster support and understanding for our local veteran population, and more importantly the families of veterans."

The event was sponsored by the Westfield State University Office Advancement and University Relations in coordination with the Westfield State Foundation, the Department of Social Work, the Department of Psychology, and the Office of Veteran Services.

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) and author Mark Nickerson attended Westfield State on Tuesday night to conduct a lecture about post-traumatic stress disorder. He often lectures on ways that PTSD affects veterans and different methods to treating it. Along with informative lectures, he also works to fight the against perceptions and stigmas that surround PTSD and those who suffer from it.

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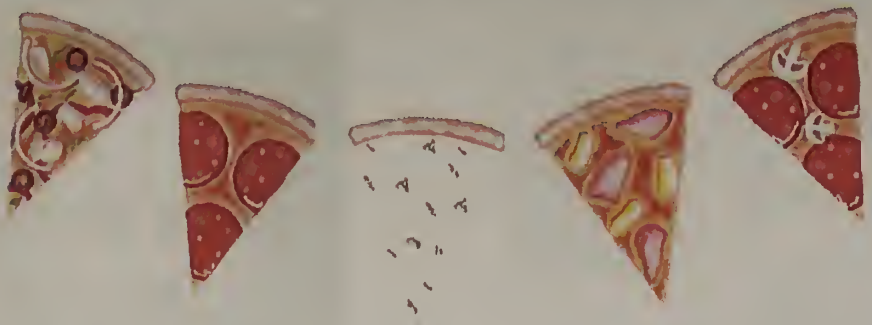

PIZZA WITH THE CANDIDATES

Meet the students who will represent you!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

4:00 PM

SGA ROOM (ELY 017)

Student Government Association

gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

This semester my schoolwork has been piling up and I have been getting very little sleep. I found that I have been gaining weight in many undesirable areas. Let's just say I won't have the best beach body for this coming summer. I'm sure that this may be due to lack of sleep or the amount of cookies I am stuffing in my mouth whenever I become stressed over my incredible amount of homework. The other night I realized my embarrassing problem and reason for my sudden, unwanted weight gain.

I sleep eat. It's like sleep walking and eating. I'm not really sure if this qualifies as a sleeping disorder, but it's weird because I don't realize I do it until I wake up covered in crumbs with about two granola bar wrappers and PopTarts IN MY BED. When I sleep I eat anything. You name it: apples, candy, chips, and even chips and salsa.

One time my roommate told me she heard me open a can of tuna fish and then proceed to eat right out of the can. I know...this is disgusting. I am sick of having to clean the chocolate stains off of my sheets or having to get rid of the evidence.

My boyfriend walked into my dorm room one morning, woke me up, and questioned why I had a candy wrapper stuck in my pillowcase. I was so embarrassed. I acted like I had no idea, but I did. I am always craving food. I try to eat pretty healthy during the day, but I guess my body is always craving something. Is this due to stress? How can I stop the sleep eating and continue to live a healthier lifestyle?

Sincerely,
The sleep eater

Dear Sleep Eater,

The reason you are eating in your sleep is most likely caused by a sleeping disorder. What you are describing sounds like a sleep eating disorder called Sleep Related Eating Disorder or (SRED). This causes you to eat in your sleep unknowingly and can therefore cause some serious weight gain and many other health related problems.

I highly suggest that that you talk to your doctor in order to solve this problem immediately. They can test you for the disorder and help you improve your health. In the meantime, try limiting the food that you are bringing into your room. If you cannot do this, try to make sure that the food that is in your room are not only those high-calorie snacks like cookies and PopTarts.

This way you are not eating those fatty foods that cause your extreme weight gain. Next, try exercise. Exercising is proven to help stress; many sleeping disorders such as sleepwalking – which is very similar to yours – will most likely limit your desire to eat in the middle of the night.

My final suggestion is that you drink plenty of water before bed. Water can help fill your body up and will get rid of a lot of those cravings that you may be getting at night. Hope this helps and that you start to get back on track towards a healthy lifestyle.

Love,
your girl Gail

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Owls push win streak to six against ECSU

Michael Barry
Voice Reporter

Momentum is a funny thing in sports - sometimes all it takes is a few consecutive wins to boost confidence. This is exactly what is happening as the Westfield State women's lacrosse team won their fifth and sixth straight games after defeating Fitchburg State last Saturday and Eastern Connecticut on Tuesday. After starting off 0-4, this Owls team has hattled back to an above .500 record while taking down some of the top teams in the MASCAC in the process.

In their game against Fitchburg, Westfield scored first just 18 seconds into the game as junior Samantha Lungarini was assisted by stand-out MASCAC Player of the Week Meg Griffin. Griffin was yet again a dominant offensive force in this contest, scoring six goals of her own and adding three more assists.

The first half was a highly competitive back-and-forth contest as both teams answered when the other scored. Going into the break, Westfield had a 9-7 lead as Fitchburg got the final goal of the half.

The Owls started the season with legitmate concerns about the future, losing their first four games. Since March 19th, however, the Owls are undefeated with two conference and three home victories.

The stat line seemed completely even hetween the two teams. Westfield just slightly had the edge in shots as well as shots-on-goal, however the most telling stat is the plus-five turnover ratio for Westfield over Fitchburg.

The second half started with a strong run by Fitchburg cutting the lead down to one to put the score at 11-10 with 19:56 to go. Although it was a strong offensive stretch for Fitchburg, the Owls offense was just too powerful. Westfield outscored Fitchburg 5-1 for the rest of the game and won with a final score of 16-11.

In their game against Eastern Connecticut, the high-powered Westfield offense failed to get off to its usual fast start. In fact, it was Eastern Connecticut who had the strong offensive run to start the game, scoring four unanswered goals hefore the Owls were ahle to get on tbe board. With just three first-half goals, Eastern Connecticut was ahle to take a two-goal lead into the locker room at halftime.

Such a slow start must have lit a fire under the Westfield offense because they came out really firing in the second half. They absolutely dominated every offensive category, including tallying more than double the total shots of Eastern Connecticut. The Owls were able to outscore Eastern Connecticut 11-4 in the second balf, eventually finishing with a comfortable win by a score of 14-9.

One of the great strengths of this team hesides its high-powered offense is its goaltending. Junior Mimi Khampaeng recorded 15 saves for the Owls, stopping more than balf of the shots she faced against Fitchburg. She had another equally impressive performance against Eastern Connecticut, stopping 11 of 21 shots on net. With that kind of save percentage, Westfield can go into games confident that their defense will have their back.

The Owls are clearly an offensive power that is extremely difficult to beat, especially when they keep mistakes to a minimum. Now that the season is in full swing and the team is really clicking, it will he exciting to see how far this momentum can carry them.

The next Westfield women's lacrosse game will he against the Buccaneers of Mass Maritime at home on April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Friday, April 3rd
Softball at Worcester State (DH) Postponed
Baseball at Worcester State (DH) Postponed
Saturday, April 4th
W LAX at Fitchburg State W 16-11
M/W Track at AIC Yellow Jacket Invite 5th/8th place
Baseball at Bridgewater State (DH) Postponed to 4/8
Softball at Bridgewater State (DH) Postponed
Monday, April 6th
Baseball vs Coast Guard Postponed
Tuesday, April 7th
W LAX at ECSU 4:30 pm
Baseball at Williams W 7-1
Softball at Smith (DH) Postponed

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 9th
Baseball at Springfield College 3:30 pm
Friday, April 10th
W LAX vs Mass. Maritime 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 11th
M/W Track at Jerry Gravel Classic 10:30 A.M.
Baseball vs Framingham State (DH) 1:00 pm/3:30 pm
Tuesday, April 14th
W LAX at BRidgewater State 7:00 pm
Baseball vs MCLA (DH) 4:30 pm/7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14th
Baseball vs Western New England 3:30 pm

Godette named MASCAC Field Athlete Of The Week

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State junior Travon Godette (Mahar Regional/Orange) bas been named Field Athlete of the Week by the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Godette finished first in the javelin with a top throw of 205' 7" (62.06 meters) and placed fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5' 10.08" (1.78 meters) at the AIC Yellowjacket Invitational. He is currently ranked fourth in the nation in Division III in the javelin.

For the Westfield State women, Junior Megan Erickson (Westbrook/Westbrook CT) was named to honor roll this week after she took the top spot among collegiate runners in the steeplechase, covering the course in 12:57.50 at the AIC Yellowjacket Invitational.

Cunningham beats Ephs, Bridgewater blanks Owls

WSU Athletic Department

The Owls played two games this past week for the first time since returning from Florida.

Nick Cunningham's strong outing led Westfield State (to a 7-1 win over Williams in midweek action this afternoon at the Ephs' Bobby Coombs Field.

Both teams scratched a run across in the 1st, but the visiting Owls scored six unanswered to take their tenth win of the season back to the Pioneer Valley.

Cunningham (1-0) got the win for Westfield after working eight strong for Nathan Bashaw's club. He scattered nine hits and struck out four while giving up just one unearned run.

The sophomors, who had logged just 3.2 innings on the year, helped to send the Owls into MASCAC play on a four-game winning streak. On the other side, Williams' starter Connor Dunn (1-1) took the loss. The freshman gave up four runs (all earned) in thres innings of work for the Ephs.

At the plate, Pat McWilliams' three RBI keyed Westfield, and Danny DiMatteo and Evan Moorhouse both added multi-hit gamee. Adam Regensburg had three hits for the Ephs.

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Senior pitcher and captain Peter Cassidy looks for a sign earlier this season. He has allowed twenty hits on the season with an ERA of 5.09 in 17.2 innings pitched. He has a season record of 0-1 despite appearing in four games.

Westfield next traveled to Bridgewater State for a MASCAC-opening doubleheader on Wednesday, despite the second game being suspended due to rain.

Right-hander David Holmes (North Easton, Mass.) tossed a complete game shutout to lead the Bridgewater State University baseball team to a 6-0 win over MASCAC foe Westfield State University in game one of a doubleheader on Wednesday afternoon at Alumni Park.

Game two of the twin bill was suspended due to rain in the middle of the fourth inning with the Owls leading, 1-0.

Holmes (1-2) scattered eight hits, fanned three and did not issue a walk.

The Bears pushed across the only run they would need in the bottom of the third. Anthony Deleo (Athol, Mass.) reached on a throwing error to lead off the frame, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt and to third on a base hit by Sean Brooks (Braintree, Mass.). Deleo would score on a fielder's choice groundout.

BSU took advantage of two more Westfield miscues in the fourth to take a 2-0 lead. The Bears tacked on two more runs in the fifth on a Keaghan Austin-MacInnis (Lakeville, Mass.) sacrifice fly and a Scott O'Brisn (East Bridgewater, Mass.) RBI single.

Bridgewater added two more runs in the sixth to put the game out of reach. Colin Ryan led off the inning with a base hit, stole second and advanced to third when Brooks reached on an error.

Three consecutive singles by Jacob Souza (Acushnet, Mass.), Travis Ritchie (Taunton, Mass.) and Nick White (Bellingham, Mass.) brought home Ryan and Brooks with the fifth and sixth runs of the game.

Souza went 2-for-4 with a run and two RBI to highlight the Bears' eight-hit attack. Ritchie also had multiple hits as he finished 2-for-4 with a run.

Dan McCormack (Shelton, Conn.) and Jeremy Tanguay (Huntington, Mass.) each went 2-for-3 at the plate to pace the visiting Owls.

Peter Cassidy (Bluffton, S.C.) suffered the loss on the mound as he gave up four runs (two earned) on three hits and two walks.

Both teams are back in action on Thureday afternoon at 3:30. The Bears host the Wildcats of Johnson & Wales University, while the Owls travel to Springfield College to take on the Pride in a MASCAC matchup.

Softball loses on walk-off against Bridgewater at Alumni Field

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WSU Athletic Department

Jessica Laudati's (Berkley, Mass.) walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Bridgewater State University softball team to a dramatic 7-6 victory over Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) rival Westfield State University in game one of a doubleheader on Wednesday afternoon at Alumni Park.

Game two of the twinbill was suspended due to rain in the first inning with the Owls leading, 1-0.

The Bears improve to 12-5 on the season and 2-1 in the MASCAC, while the visiting Owls slip to 4-7 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

Trailing 6-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Bears loaded the bases with nobody out. Breanna Shafer (Plainville, Mass.) led of the frame with a double and advanced to third on Jocelyn Bettencourt's (Plymouth, Mass. base hit. Courtney Leddy (Saugus, Mass.) then reached on a fielder's choice with Bettencourt beating the throw to second. That brought up Kelly McCarthy (Burlington, Mass.) who cleared the bases with a triple to the gap in right-center field. McCarthy, however, elipped rounding third base on the play and was tagged out. That would prove big as Laudati followed with a base hit which would have won the game in regulation.

With the score knotted at 6-6, neither team threatened in the eighth inning. After Westfield went down in the top of the ninth, Leddy opened the bottom half of the inning with a double to the alley in left-center field. Following a walk to McCarthy, Laudati ripped a single down the right field line to plate Leddy with the game-winning run.

A two-run single by McCarthy in the bottom of the first gave the Bears an early 2-0 lead. Both runs were unearned as the Owls committed two errors in the frame.

Westfield took advantage of a pair of BSU miscues in a four-run second inning as the Owls jumped ahead 4-2. Westfield had just one hit in the inning, an infield single by Jamie Ricciardi. Erica Gouin, Emma Dunbar, and Kelsey Carpenter each had RBIs for the Owls in the inning.

Laudati tripled and scored on a wild pitch in the sixth to cut the Bears' deficit to 4-3.

The Owls extended their lead to 6-3 in the top of the seventh on back-to-back bases loaded walks by Kat Robinson (East Hampton, Conn.) and Elizabeth Kelly (Quincy, Maes.).

Laudati went 4-for-5 at the plate to highlight the Bears' 13-hit attack. McCarthy finished with five rune batted in as she was 2-for-4 with a walk. Shaffer had three hits in five at bats and scored two runs, while Leddy was 2-for-5 with three runs scored.

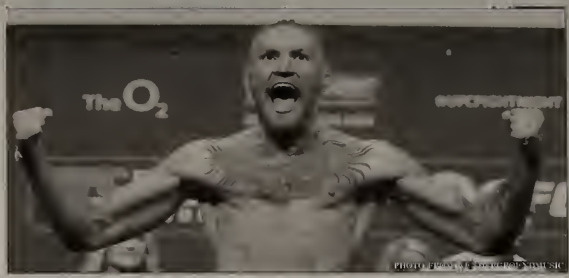
In the circle for the Bears, Iliana Rivera (Naugatuck, Conn.) worked six plus innings giving up four runs (two earned) on just three hits with three walks and six strikeouts. Alexandra Wright (Lakeville, Mass.) picked up the win in relief. Wright (2-0) allowed two runs on two hits and five walks in three innings of work.

Julia Sullivan (West Barnstable, Mass.) went the distance in the circle for Westfield. Sullivan (2-4) gave up seven runs (five earned) on 13 hits with two walks and two strikeouts.

Emma Dunbar was the only Owl with multiple hits as she went 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

With the suspension of the second game, Westfield State is in the unusual position of having two games in progress. Westfield holds a 4-1 lead on Western New England University in a game that had to be suspended last week. Make up dates are being sought to finish both games.

McGregor, Aldo set to make memorable UFC 189



Conor McGregor is one of the most polarizing fighters in the UFC. He is set to meet reigning Featherweight champion Jose Aldo in the octogon at UFC 189 in July and the build up to this match has been unlike any other before it.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

Conor McGregor has been anything hut quiet since he was named number one contender last January.

McGregor is set to face reigning Featherweight champion Jose Aldo at UFC 189 on July 11. This event is one of the most hyped events in recent memory.

The lead-up to this fight though has hit the public like a freight train. The war of the words has shown both men have a true disdain for each other, and this match-up in July will he just as explosive.

Two completely different cultures are heginning to clash in this as well. Aldo, as the quiet Brazilian, is doing his talking through translators and hasically leaving everything up to the event. While McGregor, heing a proud member of the Irish community, is leaving nothing on the table.

As a fan of not only the sport but of Conor McGregor, i am hoth worried and confident about this upcoming fight. In the past, heavy trash-talkers have not fared well in main event status, most notahly Sonnen and Tito Ortiz.

Sonnen was known for haiting in former middleweight champ Anderson Silva with smack-talk and mind games, but failed to defeat Silva in either one of the fights.

Ortiz also did his fair share of trash-talk before his fights with Chuck Liddell and Randy Couture, earning a record of 0-3.

The confidence comes from McGregor's past fights in the company. Since joining the UFC hack in 2013, McGregor has been unbeaten and had only one fight go the distance. It almost seems like he is in his head.

Aldo has really never taken on a man like McGregor in the past. McGregor's antics are very over the top and nearly cross the line.

On more than one occasion has McGregor referred to himself as Aldo's "daddy", something that Aldo has not taken a liking to.

These two men share a hatred for each other that they won't acknowledge. Aldo is hothered hy the antics, and McGregor is saying it is merely just business. But when you get down to the nitty-gritty, this fight will be a hlood-bath, and they will both need to perform to the highest degree to win.

I think Chad Mendes is lying in the weeds waiting for his shot at this helt. There will be "slim-pickings" for the winner, as he will either await a rematch or the challenger in Mendes, or even wait for the loser to fight Mendes for contention.

We are three months away from this battle in the featherweight division.

It will surely he one of the most hyped bouts that fight fans will ever see.

I hope the hype doesn't kill this one, as it has some major potential to be a great one.

Predicting the unpredictable baseball season 162 games ahead of time

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The month of April has arrived, which means that the 2015 Major League Baseball season is underway. And now that the season has officially hegun, here are some predictions for the season ahead:

AL East:
Boston Red Sox

The AL East is not as great as it has been in recent years. The Yankees are in rehuilding mode, the Rays are not that good, and the Blue Jays will surely fall off midseason, as they've become so accustomed to.

The Orioles might have the best shot of challenging the Red Sox, but the Orioles lost a key player in Nelson Cruz in the offseason. The Red Sox made major improvements in the offseason in terms of their offense by adding Hanley Ramirez and Pablo Sandoval to go along with their already high-powered offense.

The only concern I have with the Red Sox is their pitching. There is no ace on the Red Sox pitching staff, and the hullpen looks uncertain, especially with closer Koji Uehara being on the DL. Look for Edward Mujica to fill that role.

AL Central:
Cleveland Indians

The Indians made it to the playoffs in 2013 as a Wild Card, but were unable to replicate their success in 2014. With that said, they still have a good pitching staff that includes reigning AL Cy Young Award winner Corey Kluber and an offense that includes star Michael Brantley. Look for Brantley to have another great year this year after a breakout year in 2014.

This was a tough pick for the AL Central, as the White Sox and Tigers have well-halanced teams. The Royals, who won the AL pennant last year, will drop-off from last year.

AL West:
Seattle Mariners

Who doesn't love this team? This Mariners team looks great on paper now with the addition of Nelson Cruz in the offseason. Cruz, along with Robinson Cano, make up one of the more dangerous batting orders in the league.

On top of that, the Mariners also boast one of the hest pitching duos in baseball with Felix Hernandez and Hisashi Iwakuma. The Angels will definitely challenge the M's in the division, hut I think this is Seattle's year.

AL Wild Cards:
(1) Detroit Tigers, (2) Los Angeles Angeis of Anaheim

The Tigers are a very well-balanced team - they still have Victor Martinez and Miguel Cabrera anchoring the offense while Justin Verlander still leads the pitching staff, although he is sidelined for the beginning of the season for precautionary reasons.

However, the Tigers lost their best player in Max Scherzer to the Nationals and their bullpen is still a question.

The Angels are a still a good offensive team, but the lack of pitching may hurt them. Plus, Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton are past their prime as offensive stars. Look for Mike Trout to have yet another amazing year.

NL East:
Washington Nationals

First and foremost, the Nationals rotation looks scary. Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg, Jordan Zimmermann, and Gio Gonzalez? We haven't seen that deep of a rotation since the Phillies had Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, and Roy Oswalt all on the same team.

Add the offensive power of Bryce Harper and company, and you got yourself a Nationals team that could make a deep run in the playoffs.

NL Central:
Chicago Cuhs

I'm going to get a lot of heat on this pick, but hear me out. The Cuhs added Jon Lester from the Red Sox, whereas they also fixed their managerial problem by hiring Joe Maddon. They have Anthony Rizzo and Starlin Castro in the middle of the order, but the key for Chicago this year is their young talent that I helieve will make a bigger impact than the Cuhs teams of the past.

If all goes well, they too can make a big run in the playoffs, and if they win the World Series, expect Steven Spielberg to join the party. (Back To The Future Part II, anyone?)

NL West:
Los Angeles Dodgers

This may not seem like an ohvious pick as in prior years. The San Diego Padres have improved their lineup and pitching staff drastically.

For starters, they landed Matt Kemp, both Upton hrothers, and most notably James Shields, who makes an excellent addition to the pitching staff alongside Craig Kimbrel. But at the end of the day, the Dodgers are still the Dodgers.

Clayton Kershaw will have yet another spectacular year, and the offense is just as good, even after losing Hanley Ramirez.

NL Wild Cards: (1) St. Louis Cardinals and (2) Pittsburgh Pirates

Like last year, both Wild Card spots will helong to NL Central teams. After picking the Cubs to win the NL Central, I just have to pick the Cardinals for the first Wild Card spot. St. Louis still has a well-balanced team both offensively and pitching-wise. Look for Adam Wainwright to lead this rotation yet again to the playoffs.

As for the second Wild Card spot, this choice was tough. As much as I wanted the Padres to be in it, they only look good on paper, and what you see on paper doesn't always translate to playing. So I'm picking the Pirates because of their talent and experience. Watch out for Andrew McCutcheon on the Pirates yet again.

World Series:
Cuhs-Red Sox

With that said, if all goes well in Chicago, the Cubs will finally win their World Series after 107 years of downfall. Let's just hope Lester can stay healthy.

SPORTS FROM CARLIN'S COUCH

Boston batters take advantage of lackluster Phillies pitching staff in season opener with five home runs and an 8-0 victory

PHOTO FROM HUFFINGTON POST

John Farrell and the Red Sox have a lot to prove this year after a disappointing 2013-2014 campaign.

Matt Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

Monday, April 6th was the opening night of the 2015 Major League Baseball Season. The Red Sox played the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, where they absolutely crushed the Phillies in an 8-0 victory. There were some very key notable plays that really drove the Red Sox, the first being Pedroia's 1st at hat home run in the first. However this is not to say this was Pedroia's only key at bat this game... he also hit another homer in the fifth.

One of the most surprising/optimistic showings came from newly acquired shortstop Hanley Ramirez. Ramirez had a couple of hits as well during this game including his first homer of the game in the fifth and then a Grand Slam in the 9th. He was signed for a $88 million four year deal after becoming a free agent. I hope that Ramirez maintains this showing during the season, because he has left quite an impression on the recovering Phillies.

On the Phillies bench, the MVP of the 2008 World Series, Cole Hamels has a lot to prove. The Phillies has put Hamels up for trading this season, and ironically enough it seems that the Red Sox were predicted to be the ones who would pick him up. After his performance today, I doubt the Sox will sacrifice any of their all-stars for this pitcher.

Clay Buchholz has finally shown some promise after an entire year of mediocrity in 2014. Pinching seven innings and only allowing three hits, Clay may be our "Ace" in the current lineup. There was even joking that Clay would he traded for Cole Hamels before the game, which after striking out 9 and only allowing a total of three hits would be a grievous mistake on the Sox management.

The true test for the team will he how they handle the upcoming home opener against the Washington Nationals, who are predicted to be the powerhouse of the entire league this year. The Nats, who provided a rather disappointing opener against the Mets, fell short of victory for a 3-1 loss.

The Sox have had a jump start with Pedroia's recovery from his wrist surgery last season. He had a pretty shaky ending, but he seems back to his same healthy self. However as of Wednesday April 8th, Pedroia has an official throwing error against him after four straight innings of crazy diving in their second game against the Phillies.

However that heing said, the Red Sox did fall to the Phillies in their second game on Wednesday night, fighting through a 2-4 loss. Despite a rough few innings the Red Sox were able to finally hreak the shutout heing pitched by Aaron Harang. Papelbon closed for the Phillies facing 5 batters and of the 5 striking out one. I hope this might just be a fluke, but only time will tell.

Blue Devils finish season on top of NCAA pedestal

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

Last Monday, the Duke Blue Devils men's basketball team defeated Frank Kaminsky and the Wisconsin Badgers by a score of 68-63 to capture their fifth national championship, all under head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The Badgers went into the game hoping to win their first National Championship since 1941. Just a few days prior, they exacted their revenge against Aaron Harrison and the Kentucky Wildcats from the 2014 Final Four hy defeating the them 71-64, crushing Kentucky's undefeated season and their championship hopes.

The Blue Devils, who only had eight scholarship players on the team following the dismissal of Rasheed Sulaimon in January, dominated Travis Trice and the Michigan State Spartans in an 81-61 victory in the national semi-finals. The Blue Devils were looking to avenge their recent history of early-round exits hy winning their first championship since 2010, when they defeated the fifth-seeded Butler Bulldoga 61-59.

The first half was a deadlock for both teams, as neither was able to secure a formidable lead throughout the as the largest lead for either side was six. Although Duke held the lead for most of the half, Wisconsin was able to keep the game close and the score was tied at 31 at the half.

During the second half, the Badgers finally found their stride, jumping to a 48-39 lead with 13:17 left to go. During the 17-8 run, Bronson Koenig scored nine points, with Frank Kaminsky adding six of his own.

As the Blue Devils struggled in the second half, Krzyzewski turned to his hench and called in freshman Grayson Allen. Allen would respond by scoring eight straight points to put Duke within four in what was the game-changing moment of the night. After a few baskets by Tyus Jones, the Blue Devils tied the score at 54-54 with 7:05 left in the game.

As the Blue Devils looked to take control of the game with less than two minutes left, a controversial call decided the remainder of the game. As the Badgers attempted to retain possession, a struggle for the ball caused it to roll out of bounds. Originally, the refs ruled Duke's ball, and while many replays showed Winslow's finger touching the ball as it fell out of hounds, the refs still ruled in Duke's favor.

That would be all Duke would need, as they were able to maintain the lead for the final two minutes en route to their 68-63 victory. Tyus Jones was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four after scoring 23 points, including 16 in the second half.

The Championship marks the fifth for the program under Coach Krzyzewski. Earlier this season, Krzyzewski earned his 1,000th career win against St. Johns, the first men's Division I coach to do so.

Although Duke was expected to be a contender heading into this year, they faced truly insurmountable odds to get to the Championship Game.

Throughout the entire second half of the season, they only had eight scholarship players, four of which were freshmen. Duke may not have been the hest team this year, hut they were certainly more than deserving of a championship.

PHOTO FROM STAR NEWS

Tyus Jones and the Duke Blue Devils won the national championship on Monday. It is Coach K's fifth title at the helm of the program and it was his twelfth Final Four. The Blue Devils defeated the experienced Badger program.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 - April 20):
You may think that all of your friends are out to get you, but in reality, you're to blame for your social issues.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Your boss has been very impressed with all of the long hours you've been putting in at work. However, with a personality like yours, you shouldn't be expecting that big promotion.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
It takes two to tango, so stop showing up to your dance classes alone.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
The position of Jupiter suggests that you stock up on toilet paper this week.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Stay away from Taurus's who have restraining orders against you.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
It's time to abandon your pursuit of a culinary career. The world has far too many cooks.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
You should expect a large influx of friends at around the time your new deluxe Star Wars DVD set arrives.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
With your motivation and charisma, a career in the lumber mill is your best bet.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
The epic failures in your life are getting out of control. The stars suggest you email Westfield State's most qualified life expert, Gail.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
The position of Mercury demands that you exclusively wear pink this week.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Your love life is bound to fail, but aren't your cats the best companions anyway?

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars predict that this week will be chock-full of places, people, and things.

games & leisure

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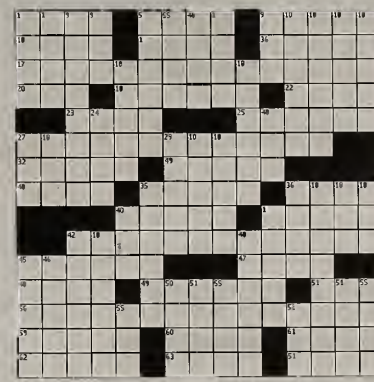

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36. Grounded fliers, for short
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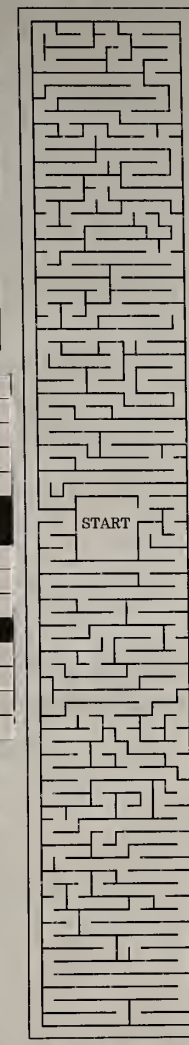

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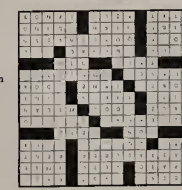

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Date	Time	Event	Location
4/10	7 pm	Women's Lacrosse vs. Maritime	Alumni Field
4/10	8 pm	The Norman Magic Experience	Owl's Nest
4/11	10:30 am	Jerry Gravel Classic (Men/Women—Track/Field)	Stanley Park
4/11	12 pm	Baseball/Softball vs. Framingham State	Alumni Field
4/12	1 pm	Get Buzzed—Cancer Fundraiser Event	Scanlon Banquet Hall
4/13	12:30 pm	Catherine Dower Student Recital Series	Dever Stage
4/13	4 pm	Leadership Voyage: Leadership Concepts	Ely 044
4/13	7 pm	Speaker: The Syrian Crisis	Scanlon Banquet Hall
4/14	10 am-2 pm	VENDOR: C&S Wholesale Job Recruitment	Wilson/Quixotes
4/14	2 pm	Baseball/Softball vs MCLA (OH)	Alumni Field
4/14	2:15 pm	Exam Strategies: Preparing/Taking Tests	Banacos Center
4/14	4 pm	Leadership Voyage: Motivating Others	Ely 044
4/15	11:30 am	Commuter Luncheon Series: Academic Affairs	Tekoa Room
4/15-18	7:30 pm	Music Department Presents: AVENUE Q (and 2 pm 18th)	Dever Stage
4/15	8 pm	Leadership Voyage: Team Building	Ely 044
4/16	11 am-1 pm	Pet Therapy	Ely 2nd Floor
4/16	12 pm	Leadership Voyage: Group Dynamics	Ely 044

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CLASS OF 2016 COUNCIL

Buzz-off Cancer event called a success with 22 shaved heads and over $5k raised

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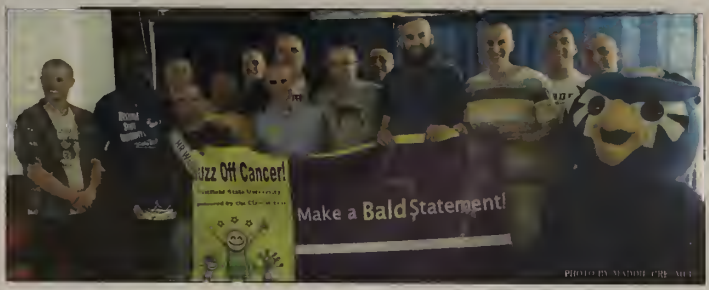
Editor-in-Chief



Participants of the Buzz-off Cancer event show off their shaved heads and big smiles after over $5,000 was raised to be donated to juvenile cancer research. The event was held the the classes of 2016 and 2018.

Twenty-two people shaved their heads on Sunday at the Buzz-off Cancer event.

Held by the class of 2016 and 2018 councils, the event is in its second year.

The money raised goes to One Mission, an organization that raises money and awareness for juvenile cancer research.

"We're around $5,200 right now with donations com[ing] in daily on the One Mission website," said Ryan Losco, class of 2016 president, on Wednesday afternoon.

There were more students shaving their heads off this year than last, with some even doing it with the event barber.

"We had some students go as far as to shave their head after the event concluded," said Losco.

He added, "They couldn't make it so they went upstairs to their room and buzzed their head, so that was really awesome."

For the second year in a row, university administration joined in the fun. Vice president of student affairs Carlton Pickron and campus center director Amy Szlachetka shaved their heads along with the student-participants.

Tuesday's SGA meeting featured many shaved heads with four senators, Losco; JJ Terlaga, representative of the class of 2015; Michael Janchuk, representative of the class of 2016; and Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, sporting shaved heads for the charity.

For next year, Losco is "expecting to see more involvement."

"This is our second year doing the event so there is a lot of press out there," said Losco, "A lot of people know about it so it will conjure up a lot of students for next year, and on the fundraising side, we have to see just how far we can push it."

Pickron spoke at Tuesday's SGA meeting to offer congratulatory praise. Recognizing the awesome efforts that were made by the class councils to put on the event. the Senate gave Losco and the class council a standing ovation.

Last year's event garnered over $7,000 for One Mission.

The event was started after Losco and other class councilors witnessed the Buzz-Off event that had taken place at Gillette Stadium in the summer of 2013.

The event typically has teams that raise money similar to Relay for Life, which is how last year's event was organized.

This year's event was not done in that fashion. Taking a cue from the suicide prevention walk that was put on by the class of 2015, teams were done away with to create unity amongst the participants with the money being donated as one team.

The event is expected to be even hetter for next year. "Not 100% of the people showed up, so you just have to get people to participate. You just have to strive for hetter numbers next year."

EDMUND FALLON '15

Unexpected loss felt by all at Westfield State

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

The Westfield State University community lost one of its own over last weekend.

Edmund Fallon, a member of the class of 2015, was found deceased in his apartment on Friday, April 10.

In an email to the university community, interim president Elizabeth Preston said it was too early for a cause of death to he determined.

Eddie, as he was known, was a douhle major in English and political science. He was also a member of the foothall team, who are said to be remembering him fondly. He played left tackle.

"As we struggle to come to terms with the tragic loss of a friend, I remind our Westfield State campus community members, and students in particular, that our Counseling Services team, faculty, and staff are available to support you," said Preston.

Rehecca DiVico, SGA president, offered condolences to Eddie's family on behalf of the Student Government with a moment of silence heing observed at Tuesday'a meeting.

Calling hours for Eddie will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sampson's Funeral Home at 21 Tinkham Road in Springfield with the funeral being the next morning starting at 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Church at 42 Main Street in Wilhraham. Members of the Westfield State community are encouraged to attend.

Editor's Note: The staff of The Westfield Voice would like to offer their condolences to the family of Edmund Fallon. If any member of the campus community would like to submit a letter, poem, anything to remember Eddie, please send it to thevoice@westfield.ma.edu by April 20 at 5 p.m.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Moment of silence, standing ovation, two amendments, and an appeal for reinstatement: All in a day's work for SGA

From News Reports

Edmund Fallon, Ryan Losco, Andrew Morin, and Priscilla Aguilar provided the Senate with highs and lows on Tuesday as the Student Government Association reconvened for its third to last meeting of the semester.

Rebecca DiVico, SGA president, offered a moment of silence for the family and friends of Edmund Fallon, the senior who surprisingly passed away over the weekend.

The calling hours for Edmund Fallon will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sampson's Funeral Home in Springfield, Mass., while the funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham, Mass.

DiVico reminded the senators that the SGA Awards Banquet will be May 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall. Senators will be treated to dinner, and the First-Year Senator Excellence Award, Executive Council Award for Excellence, Four-Year Senator Award, and Blue Key Award will be given out that night as well.

SGA vice president of student life Joshua Clark provided senators with answers to questions posed of him last week.

He said that students who signed up for Living and Learning Communities at the special events for that purpose in University Hall were all set and should not worry about next year's housing placement.

Clark also answered Scanlon Hall president John Coloumbe and Davis Hall president Brendon McKee's questions about how guest restrictions will work for Spring Weekend.

"As of this afternoon, there are no residence halls that are on guest restrictions, however, if there were, Res Life would give the hall a break from their guest restriction for that weekend," said Clark. He added that that is a long-standing policy.

Olivia Dumas, vice president of academic life, asked senators about registration. Most of the senators who responded were in agreement that the phrasing on some of the error codes in the registration applet on MyWestfield were confusing.

Dumas said that she will speak with the registrar and have an answer at a later date.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian and representative-at-large, assumed the podium to move two amendments to the SGA constitution offered by executive secretary Andrew Morin.

Morin's first amendment would bar a potential candidate for an SGA office from submitting two sets of signature papers for two positions in either the Legislative Council or the Executive Council, or two sets of papers for two positions in either council.

For example, a person could not submit papers for representative-at-large and vice president of student life. The amendment did not bar a student from submitting papers for vice president of academic life and class treasurer, for instance. After some debate that was in essence in accord with the amendment, it passed unanimously.

Morin's second amendment was related to the deadline for completed signature papers. It said that the deadline would be the first Friday of April. He amended the amendment to include a provision that pushed the deadline back one week in the case that the distribution of signature papers, the last Monday of March, fell in the same week as the new deadline for their return.

This also passed unanimously.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, reported on the successful Buzz-Off Cancer event that took place Sunday.

He reported 22 people had shaved their heads including vice president of student affairs Carlton Pickron, campus center director Amy Szlachetka, and a female first-year who shaved off chest-length hair at the event. Around $5,200 was raised for the event as of Wednesday afternoon, according to Losco.

Pickron offered congratulatory praise to Losco and the class councils acknowledging all of the hard work and dedication that was needed to pull off such a successful event.

After Pickron's comments, members from the Executive Council gave applause and a standing ovation for Losco and the class councils of 2016 and 2018, who were the event organizers.

During new business, after a report on the #savetheglobe campaign by representative of the class of 2015 Victoria Landry and community relations and fundraising representative Justin Connolly, Rebecca DiVico took the podium for a reinstatement of membership for Priscilla Aguilar, Lansdowne Place representative, whose resignation was accepted by DiVico during her report.

Aguilar was removed from Senate due to absences and her failure to complete her legislative accountability units.

The process provides for the petitioner to appeal to the Legislature for reinstatement. As interpreted by DiVico, the petitioner was to have two minutes to state her case. Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, was then to give her side of the case in order to give the Legislature both points of view. Once DiVico said there would be no questions or comments after the presentations, the speakers' list filled up.

Courtney Keddy, representative of the class of 2015, sought to confirm with DiVico that there would be no questions or comments. DiVico responded that there has not been an appeal like this for as far back as 25 years, so the process was new for everyone. This was the best way to run the appeal, she said.

Ashley Deleon, representative-at-large, said that she did not agree with the inability for the Legislature to ask questions to gain a better understanding of what they are voting for.

Executive secretary Andrew Morin responded, "Rebecca as SGA president is the executive authority over all things in the constitution so we should not question her."

The Senate erupted in gasps and jeering, almost booing, in what was seen by many as an overreach of the Executive Council's authority.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian, offered her opinion on the question of asking questions.

She said that since the Rules and Regulations Committee does not recommend to clubs that their constitution's office removal article containing a trial, the SGA should follow a similar practice.

Being allowed to ask questions or comments during this process would be too similar to a trial, she offered.

Once the fervor calmed down, DiVico called Aguilar to the podium to plead her case.

Aguilar cited her inability to send an email to Dina about an absence while traveling to a military graduation and a personal medical issue as reasons for a couple of her absences.

She said that she requested Sue Lamontagne, dean of students, to send an email excusing her absences.

Dina took the podium and recited the attendance policy while giving the Legislature the rundown of Aguilar's absences.

After a hand vote, 42 senators voted to grant Aguilar a reinstatement with 15 senators, six of which on the Executive Council voting against. DiVico and Joshua Clark, who was chairing the meeting, were unable to vote. A three-fourths majority was needed to grant the reinstatement.

A vote at the next SGA meeting on April 21 will be the motion to appoint Priscilla Aguilar to represent Lansdowne Place for the remainder of the year. If confirmed, she will be allowed back for the April 21 and April 28 meetings and the May 5 banquet.

Dina made the motion to close new business, which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be April 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room on the garden level of the Ely Campus Center next to Dunkin' Donuts.

Bishop Mitchell Rozanski and Fr. John Dean headline event to celebrate 35th anniversary of Westfield State Foundation

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

PHOTOS BY JOSH CLARK

(above left) The founders and members of the Westfield State Foundation pose with Fr. John Dean (front row, second from right). (above right) Fr. Dean speaks after receiving recognition for his effort and dedication to WSU.

Diocese of Springfield Bishop Mitchell Rozanski was the keynote speaker at Wednesday's Interfaith Breakfast, an event celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Westfield State Foundation.

Rozanski told of his being assigned to the Springfield diocese, having amongst others, the possibly of being assigned to Fairbanks, AK.

He joked, "Given the winter we had, I might have done just as well in Fairbanks!"

Speaking of the importance of interfaith dialogue between the various religions, Rozanski stressed that it was important for there to be interfaith work done for the homeless and the hungry.

Rozanski became bishop of the Diocese of Springfield on August 12, 2014. He was previously the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Baltimore.

The breakfast also featured several certificates and citations that were presented to the retired Catholic chaplain Father John Dean.

Fr. Dean was presented with a citation from the Massachusetts Senate offered by State Sen. Donald Humason (R-2nd Hampden-Hampshire), another from the city of Westfield signed by mayor Daniel Knapik, and the Massachusetts House of Representatives offered by State Rep. John Velis (D-Westfield).

Fr. Dean was given the opportunity to say a few words, which allowed him time to tell one of his signature riddles. This one asked what a Catholic priest, Jewish rabbi, and Protestant minister praying at one time was called. As the audience was searching for the answer, Fr. Dean said, "You've heard in baseball of a triple play, well this is a triple pray!"

The audience erupted in laughter.

The event was an effort to honor the work of the Westfield State Foundation but also to honor the work of the founders of the Interfaith Center on campus.

The Foundation was founded in 1980 with the specific purpose of building the Interfaith Center. While the Foundation does much more today, the Interfaith Center has recently become one of its primary focuses once more.

It began with founders Donald Carigan, Joseph DeLeo, Robert Goyette, Joseph Houser, James Huffmire, John MacKay, and Donald Ouimet.

In May 1981, the state legislature voted to transfer a 70' by 90' plot of land on the Westfield State campus to the Foundation for the construction of the Interfaith Center.

Heritage Homes of Westfield constructed the building with funding provided by around 30 businesses in the community.

Since its first service in 1982, there have been marriages, confirmations, and other ceremonies performed there. There even used to be a student that would live in an apartment to lock and unlock the doors, clean the facility, and maintain security. This practice was discontinued in the early 1990s.

Today, there are four chaplains that provide services for Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, and Methodist students on the Westfield State campus.

The breakfast was an annual event but was not held for several years due to poor attendance.

This year, with the revamping of the Foundation and its increased focus on interfaith activities on campus, the breakfast had to go on.

While attendance was a little less than 100 as it was starting its decline in ticket sales, Wednesday's event had upward of 240 attendees.

While some would say the bishop was the draw, Fr. Dean certainly helped.

Michael Knapik, executive director of university advancement, quoted several alumni as saying how fond they were of Fr. Dean and how they "loved that guy!"

For more information about the Interfaith Center or the Westfield State Foundation, email Lisa McMahon at lmcmahon@westfield.ma.edu.

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Fr. Warren Savage, Catholic chaplain, holds the prayer book for Bishop Mitchell Rozanski as he offers a blessing for the Interfaith Center.

news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

UMass Residence Hall Security has implemented improvements to dormintory sucurity technologies almost two years after an alleged gang rape in a Southwest Residential Area dormitory. After the assault, the university hired a third party consultant to generate a plane to upgrade campus security in hopes of preventing another similar incident.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Ediva Zanker, a member of the Syracuse University Boxing Club, composed of students, staff, and faculty, marked a first for the university. She, along with two other female boxers were the first female boxers sent by the university to the Intercollegiate Boxing Association National Championships.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

The Undergraduate Student Initiatives Committee has named three finalists from the original 15 proposals submitted to its "Harvard Project" grant initiative. The project aims to "reward student initiatives that fulfill the Council's broader goals of sustainability, inclusivity, and student health."

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

Starting this fall semester, a new three-credit course called "Ferguson, Race, Class and Social Justice in the age of Obama" will be available for all UConn students. Students will be looking at aspects of America's housing system, criminal justice and media, as well as how they apply to last year's riots within Ferguson, Missouri

Are we alone? A lecture on extraterrestrial life by George Michael

George Michael, an assisstant professor of criminal justice, will hold a lecture in the Wilson Hall Auditorium on the possibilities of extraterrestrial life. Michael has published a book on the subject.

From Press Release

On Thursday, April 23 at 6 p.m. in the Wilson Hall Auditorium, Professor George Michael will explore the question that has been asked for centuries, "Are we alone?"

George Michael, assistant professor of criminal justice at Westfield State University, has authored several books on political extremism including "The Enemy of My Enemy: The Alarming Convergence of Militant Islam and the Extreme Right," "Willis Carto and the American Far Right," and "Lone Wolf Terror and the Rise of Leaderless Resistance."

Michael's newest book, which he will discuss during the lecture, is a departure from his work on political extremism and instead focuses on the prospect of extraterrestrial life.

The book, "Preparing for Contact: When Humans and Extraterrestrials Finally Meet," studies the consequences of both direct and indirect contact with extraterrestrials from a variety of perspectives, including the fields of astronomy, astrobiology, SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), and ufology.

Michael's research on extraterrestrial life began almost five years ago when he heard Stephen Hawking's warning that communicating with extraterrestrial civilizations could be potentially dangerous. The work of theoretical physicist Michio Kaku helped to enhance Michael's interest in the subject. He was particularly intrigued by Kaku's explanation of the Kardashev scale, a method for measuring the technological advancement of a civilization.

"According to this framework," Michael explained, "a Type I civilization can harness all available power on its planet. A Type II civilization can harness power directly from its star in its solar system. Finally, a Type III civilization can harness the power of other stars in its galaxy."

Inspired by Hawking, Kaku, and the 2010 film "Skyline," which depicts an alien invasion of Los Angeles, Michael wrote an article for Skeptic magazine titled "Extraterrestrial Aliens: Friends, Foes, or just Curious?" In his article, Michael offered a different take on why extraterrestrials might be interested in our planet.

"It dawned on me that any alien civilization able to traverse interstellar distances to visit Earth would most likely be at least a Type I, but probably a Type II civilization," Michael said. "In that case, I found it implausible that aliens would come all the way to Earth to plunder its resources because they would have advanced so far that there would be nothing on Earth worth plundering... I argued that if aliens did ever visit Earth it would be out of curiosity, perhaps to practice a form of cosmic anthropology, rather than mount a hostile invasion."

Professor Michael's lecture, which will be filmed by CSPAN, will cover topics such as the study of life outside of Earth, the existence of UFOs, and the aspects involved in interstellar travel. Michael will conclude his presentation with a discussion of the future relationship between humans and extraterrestrials.

"I'll discuss the challenges our civilization will have to surmount in order to survive and establish contact with extraterrestrial intelligence," Michael said.

Westfield State nursing students embark on 'life changing' service trip to Guatemala

From Press Release

For the second consecutive year, 15 Westfield State University students and two faculty members traveled to Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala during spring break as a clinical and civic engagement element for their nursing courses.

Led by Marcia Scanlon, DNP, assistant professor of nursing and allied health, and Dr. Catherine Johnson, assistant professor of nursing and allied health, students paid out of pocket for travel expenses and raised money for supplies for the people of Guatemala, including water filters. Students raised $1,500 from a taco dinner fundraiser and received additional support from the Westfield Engages program, a civic engagement initiative at Westfield State.

"It was a life changing experience," Dr. Scanlon said. "The students learn to appreciate a different culture and become leaders for social justice. This experience will transform their nursing career as they can draw from what they learned during the time in Guatemala."

While in Guatemala, students built wheelchairs for two different children with physical and intellectual challenges and a house for a family of six that and furnished it with bunk beds, a stove, and items to bless the house.

Westfield State nursing students pose in front of the house they built in Guatemala.

With the money raised, students provided and served 400 children a protein meal for lunch and delivered sandwiches and fruit to the local homeless population. Students donated their time and money to an infant malnutrition center by caring for the infants. They also walked into the village to deliver water filters and teach locals how to properly use them.

In addition, students visited a daycare of 100 students and donated arts and crafts and school supplies to the center. While there, students balanced their time between participating in activities like art projects and teaching basic health skills like showing the children how to use toothbrushes.

Nursing student Appie Bottass '16 of Tolland, Mass. served as a translator enabling the Westfield State students and faculty members to communicate with the locals.

"It appreciated the opportunity to work with my peers in a different way," Bottass said. "They were so sincere trying their best to have meaningful conversations with the locals and I think the feeling was mutual. The children appreciated the love and attention that they received from my group."

Bottass said traveling to Guatemala made her appreciate everything she had a little more, especially after delivering a meal to a homeless man and his wife.

"This was at almost 9 o'clock at night and to them the sight of food after falling asleep on an empty stomach was like seeing angels descend from heaven," Bottass said. "It was so moving."

While Bottass enjoyed all of her time in Guatemala, building a house for a local family really stood out to her.

"As a mother of four young children, this project was especially close to my heart," Bottass said. "I could relate to the mother's joy and deep gratitude for what we did for them that day. It was very special."

Dr. Scanlon said she was proud of how her students handled themselves, both on a personal and professional basis.

"The highlight of my trip was to experience and witness the interactions of the students with the community members of Guatemala," Dr. Scanlon said. "To see students smile, laugh, or cry at the work and care they were giving to another human being of a different culture and country was priceless."

Contested seats for SGA and class council elections

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Vice President of Finance

Brandon Trafford

Lezlie Campbell

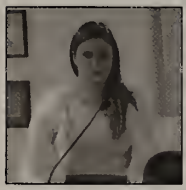
Vice President of Programming

Lauren Grams

Haley Batchelder

SGA Legislature

Community Relations/ Fundraising Representative



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Al Fava III

Class of 2018

Publicity Coordinator

Jacob Lotter

Colleen Andrews

Class of 2017

President

Andrew Morin

Rehana Yusif

Vice President

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Rebecca Rickson

Publicity Coordinator

Jasmine Bobbitt

Semsarah Faustin

The candidates to the left are those who are facing opposition in their races for Student Government and Class Council seats. The elections will be held on April 21 and 22 on MyWestfield. Opposed candidates without a photo to the left did not have their opponent at the Pizza with the Candidates event held this past Wednesday.

The elections are coordinated by the SGA executive secretary Andrew Morin and SGA president Rebecca DiVico.

The following are the candidates in the election, with contested elections in bold italics:

Student Government Executive Council

Evelyn Dina - President; Matthew Carlin - Vice President of Student Life; Jon Cubetus - Vice President of Academic Life; ***Lezlie Campbell and Brandon Trafford - Vice President of Finance; Haley Batchelder and Lauren Grams - Vice President of Programming;*** Brendan McKee - Executive Secretary; Jacob Lotter - Legislative Secretary; ***Andrew Carr and Justin Connolly - Student Trustee.***

Student Government Legislature Positions

Ivana McGlinchey - Multicultural Representative; ***Marissa Cremin and Albert Fava III - Community Relations and Fundraising Representative;*** Christian Capalbo, Danny Chamberlain, Ashley Deleon, Rose Ferraro, Jeremy Forgue, Jon Kelland, Sara Palis, and Daniel Pendenza - Representatives-at-Large (two more seats to fill).

Class of 2016 Council

Ryan Losco - President; Sarah Hookalio - Vice President; Tara Saraf - Treasurer; Nicole Primeau - Secretary; Sara Palis - Historian; ***Katherine Bennett and Lahiyah Russell - Publicist; Shannon Cullinane and Haley Tayeh - Community Relations and Fundraising Representative;*** Samantha Chan, Michael Janchuk, and Emily McKeanelley - Representatives to SGA (one more seat to fill).

Class of 2017 Council

Andrew Morin and Rehana Yusif - President; Rebecca Rickson and Madison Spillers - Vice President; Carolyn Raneri - Treasurer; Megan Juchno - Secretary; Hope Nadeau - Historian; ***Jasmine Bobbitt and Semsarah Faustin - Publicist; Jon Cubetus and Jasmine Ohene Darko - Community Relations and Fundraising Representative;*** Teresa Aloi, Andrew Manchino, Morgan Sudderth - Representatives to SGA (one more seat to fill).

Class of 2018 Council

Maddie Creamer - President; Elise McNamara - Vice President; Marissa Cremin - Treasurer; Emily Spakauskas - Secretary; Alexis Finn - Historian; ***Colleen Andrews and Jacob Lotter - Publicist;*** No candidate for Community Relations and Fundraising Representative; Rhynell Christopher, Casey Hiltz, and Sharleen Varghese - Representatives to SGA (one more seat to fill).

from the voice vault

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Caps Provides Alternative

CAPS is a program designed to provide State College System students the opportunity to study at another College within the System in order to add a differeot or specialized dimension to their undergraduate studies. A semester or more on a different State College campus than the student's home school will afford the student who participates the chance to broaden his educational experience with a wider range of newly available faculty and courses. Through CAPS a student may take from 3 to 30 semester hours of college credit at another State College without going through formal registration procedures and without a formal transfer credit approval process.

interested students should proceed by use of the following guidelines:

1. Talk with the Chairman of your major department about possible courses of special interest to you being offered at other state colleges. Your Chairmao can provide you with information about various courses available.

2. If you believe another campus is offering a group of courses of interest to you, your Chairman will have you complete o "CAPS Registrallon Form" which your Chairman will have to approve for you.

3. Proceed to your Registrar who cao provide you with information about the class schedule of such courses. He will accept your "CAPS Registration Form" and forward it for you to the college you wish to visit.

4. The Registration for all CAPS students will be completed by May 15 for any fall term and by December 15 for aoy spring term. The new host college Registrar will determine the course plan for you from the "CAPS Registration Form" sent for you by the home college Registrar. The host Registrar will notify you as to whether or not that college can accommodate you. While every effort will be made to allow a full program for each visiting student request, courses cao only be offered when there is space available at the host college. If the program you wish is available, the Registrar of the host college will consider you to be fully registered. If the program has to be adjusted, you will have a chance to arrange for appropriate substitutions.

5. You will eventually be billed for tuition, library, activity, and athletic fees (the standard annual fees) from your own college for the next college period. You should pay all of these fees to your home college in the usual manner.

6. The only fees you will then be required to pay the college you visit will be appropriate laboratory fees for courses taken there, plus room aod board costs if you register as a dormitory student at your new host college. You will be billed for such fees by the host college.

7. You will be identified by your new host college's Registrar with a unique coded student oumber. At the completion of your visit to the "away-from-home" college the host Registrar will send an official Grade Report of your accomplished work to your home college.

8. If at any point in this process, either at your home college or the host college you are visiting, you have any questions or concerns that cannot be answered for you by your major Chairman or Registrar, please report at once to the Academic Dean of the College. The Dean will help you in clarifying your concern immediately.

If you're a W.S.C. student, who is looking for a minor or major that is not offered here at Westfield explore the possibilllies of a semester at another state college. It may provide the answer you are looking for.

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Scanlon and Dickinson Halls face restrictions after damage charges

Megan Bishop
Voice Reporter

Scanlon Hall and Dickinsoo Hall on Westfield's campus were put on level five of Resideotial Life's Community Response Plan as sooo as the Spring 2012 Semester began.

This designatioo meant 24-hour quite hours and oo guests (studeot or ooo-student) for an iodefinite period of time.

Those restrictions were lifted a little over a week later on Feh. 1st, hut students had lovingly nicknamed the situatioo a lockdown while in was in place.

Originally, students had been. told that wheo the past semester ended, the building would start back at zero. That is zero charges so oo levels.

After certain developmeots and damages in Scanloo and Dickinson, they were forced to change this policy.

What about those studeots who did not live in these buildings last semester? They just had to eodure what their classmates caused.

There was no way the damage from the end of the semester could be let go without consequence.

The students in those buildings said they were pretty upset wheo they fouod out about this.

They talked about how unfair it all was, posting a lot of differeot updates on the situatioo oo Facebook.

"It almost seems like their blaming the RAs for doiog their johs," Amanda Morse, resident assistant in Courtney Hall said.

"We are just doing what we're told to do. It's part of our job. If these students blaming us were in our roles, they would he doing the exact same thing."

After looking at a lot of these status updates, Morse commented, "These students are mad wheo they have coosequeoces for other's actioos. Easy solution: Call them out. Turn them in. If you don't want to pay for what other studeots are doiog, then stop it from happening."

This is the goal for Residential Life. They were hopiog that students would learn accountahility with this plan. In the past, they have said it is working. They're hoping it contioues to work and gets hetter.

Joshua Hetrick, Westfield's Assistaot Director for Housing, said that Dickinsoo had no problems over this past weekend, the first weekend of the semester. He added however that there were further damages in Scanlon.

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Psychology Symposium

The Department of Psychology of Westfield State College is pleased to announce that Dr. Alan Bell of the Institute for Sex Research, Indiana University, founded by Alfred Kinsey, will be the keynote speaker for the Tenth Annual Psychology Symposium. This will be held on our campus 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 1973. Dr. Bell will incorporate the findings of his latest research in a presentation entitled SEXUAL EXPERIENCE IN CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE.

Dr. Bell is senior research psychologist at the Institute for Sex Research, is an associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Guidance at Indiana University and is director of the Center for Human Growth in Bloomington, Indiana. He is the author of many articles and books pertaining to his research with the Institute for Sex Research.

In the afternoon there will be a series of discussion groups on Implications (for counselors and psychologists) of the morning's program. These will be moderated by student counselors of the Westfield State College Sex Education and Counseling Service (SECS).

The registration fee is $3.00 per person. Please return your check with the registrallon card in the enclosed envelope. If you would like to attend a buffet luncheon at the nearby Tekoa Country Club, please remit an additional $3.00 (includes tax and gratuities). If more than one person is attending from your institution, please indicate name (s) on the reverse side of the card. This material must be returned by October 1, whereupon we will mail the appropriate amount of tickets and programs to you.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM AND TO THE LUNCHEON WILL BE BY ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY.

We look forward to having you with us on October 12th for what we believe will be a professionally meaningful day!

Want to see more stuff **from the voice vault?**

Contact **Joshua Clark** or **Andrew Burke**, editors-in-chief, to set up an appointment to peer through fifty-plus years of Westfield State news, opinions, arts & entertainment, and sports from **Westek** to **The Westfield Voice.**

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opinions & editorials

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

#ReadyForHillary?

Matthew Carlin
Assistant Managing Editor

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has officially announced her highly anticipated campaign for the presidency, but is the country really #ReadyForHillary?

As I went back to my dorm room on Sunday April 12 my phone lit up and it made me stop dead in my tracks. Cortana – yes, because I have a windows phone – flashed news alert across my screen: Hillary Clinton had officially announced her candidacy for the office of the President of the United States.

I was shocked, dumbfounded, and afraid. I could not possibly understand how or why Clinton decided to run. All I knew was that this was not good. My only regret was wishing there was some sort of warning that life was not going to be the same again.

I hope that the sarcasm was not lost on anyone, since you would have been living under a rock for the last four years if it were. Clinton has been preparing and fundraising since her initial primary loss to President Obama in 2008. The super PAC, readyforhillary, has been fundraising and setting the groundwork for her "potential" run since its founding in 2013. The PAC has raised a couple million dollars in donations since its founding and has launched several new initiatives since Clinton's announcement on Friday.

It is time to cry havoc and unleash the "Hilldogs" of war. The democratic front-runner has been the center of controversy in the last twenty-five years of her pubic life. From the scandals during her husband's presidency to the newest set of scandals regarding Benghazi and "email gate."

The news and media have always surrounded her career and public service in both a positive and negative light. Though not to be denied her chance at the coveted office, Hillary made her official announcement on Sunday after a few days of simply telling the public to expect it.

Clinton made her announcement via a video, which comes short of being the first official campaign ad of the season, much like her first run in 2007. The video attempts to establish Hillary as a "champion" for the American people. Unlike her last video, however, she is more positive and optimistic rather than spending her time sitting on a couch and talking about Bush, Iraq, and the economy. Now the real question is: How much is this going to affect her?

Essentially, she made her announcement on Sunday right after Marco Rubio made his presidential announcement and President Obama met with Cuban President Raul Castro. I question the intent of her timing of the announcement. It seems the campaign is attempting to push her announcement out of the spotlight and instead begin work on the key states, like Iowa and Ohio.

One of Clinton's first "policy-type" issues as an official candidate endorsed gay marriage and encouraged the Supreme Court to follow suit nationally. In 2008, Clinton opposed gay marriages and instead threw her support to civil unions. Now she has said that gay marriage is a right afforded to citizens by the Constitution. Now seeing as she is a democrat, this should come to no surprise "logistically," yet the same thing happened to President Obama just a few weeks ago.

The question goes from "Do you support gay marriage?" to "Do you think enough voters support gay marriage?" It seems kind of silly when you think about it. In 2014 she had a heated argument with NPR host Terry Gross when she walked a tightrope by saying that marriage should be a "matter left to the states," and said nothing on a national level of recognition. Now she has come out in support of it.

With these flip-flopping issues and numerous scandals, I ask you a question: "Are you ready for Hillary?" Well, after this, I would say I am #NotReady.

Meditation and the college student

Jenny McCormick
Voice Contributor

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As we come closer to the end of this semester at WSU, many of us are plagued with a multitude of stressors. Maybe you have a nine page paper due for one class and a five page paper for another, and they are both due on the same day!

Maybe you forgot to fill out your financial aid forms and that is nagging at your brain – gulp. Maybe, on top of schoolwork, you have stress from home as well, or some health problem might be lurking somewhere in that jumbled up mess of your mind. Are you finding it hard to focus on those papers?

Are you stressed out, anxious, or about ready to pull you hair out by its roots? No, do not do that. I have a much better way to cope with all those negative, icky feelings: Meditation!

Throughout this article I am going to explain how meditation can help you focus on those pesky papers and how meditation can help calm those jumpy, shaky nerves. I will even describe a meditation you can do yourself.

Now, I am not talking about going up on a mountain and sitting with your legs crossed for hours on end. To be honest, I am not sure I know anyone that can do that.

Sitting in a quiet space for five or ten minutes is all you need. When you find a space you feel comfortable with, you can start your meditation.

I am going to explain how to do something called mindfulness meditation. First, you can either sit in a chair or on the floor with your legs crossed – I prefer the floor. Sit with your back straight – no hunching please – and start to breathe slowly in through your nose and out through your nose. Focus on your breath, just on your breath and nothing else.

Your mind will wander, but do not worry. That is what it does. Your mind will stir up images of what happened last week, yesterday, today, or what you think might happen tomorrow.

That is totally ok. Do not judge yourself. Just bring your focus back to your breath. Susan, a senior at WSU and member of The Meditation Club, explains her interpretation of our mind during meditation: "Our mind is like a puppy. Sometimes it sits still and does what we want, other times it runs wild and it takes a while for us to get it back to where we want it. But we don't yell at it, we don't get mad at it. We are patient and kind to it."

In the same fashion, we have to be patient and kind to ourselves during meditation. We cannot say "Oh, my mind wandered off again. I stink at meditation." You have to be kind to yourself and try again. Your mind will wander.

It will happen again and again, and, when it happens, you just need to draw your focus back to your breath again and again. Meditation is like exercise; the more you do it, the better you get at it.

So what does this have to do with the piles of work you have to do and the inevitable stress that follows? Plenty. But first let us focus on focusing. Meditation helps train your brain to pay attention.

A research study by Antoine Lutz, PhD and Richard Davidson was published this year in the Yoga Journal and showed that meditation, in which the meditator focuses complete attention on one thing, activates regions of the brain that are critical for controlling attention.

When you are focusing on your breath and your mind wanders before you bring your mind back to your breath, you are training your brain to perform a single act. This method can be applied to your schoolwork. You want to write a paper but you keep getting distracted by little things going on around you.

That is okay. Simply bring your attention back to your work.

Stress and anxiety is a huge problem among students. Have you ever started doing your work, looked down at the paper, and your heart starts pounding? What do you do with that feeling of dread? The feeling of "I will never get this in on time." Luckily, meditation can help with this too. When you are stressed out and anxious, your mind starts to race.

The more your mind races, the faster your heart beats, and, in turn, your breathing gets faster. During meditation you are taking the focus off your stressors, if only for a few moments, and focusing on slowing your breath. During meditation you are calming your mind, which in turn calms your heart, and your breathing.

While at one of the Meditation Club's meetings, I interviewed everyone there and asked, "In what way has meditation helped you?" Almost everyone said something about meditation helping him or her with anxiety.

As for myself, I started meditating when I was very young – around thirteen. I had, and at times still have, crippling anxiety. I try to meditate every day, more now that I am back at school, and it helps so much.

Since I have been meditating, I have noticed that it is easier for me to focus on classes, my anxiety level has lowered to the point where it no longer interferes with my life, and I sleep better than I have in a long time.

Now that I have given you a little bit of information about meditation, I hope you will consider coming to the Meditation and Contemplative Club at the Interfaith Center, it is held every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This group is so much fun. Every week we try a new meditation and follow with a brief discussion. If you are still feeling shy but want to give it a try, ask for me, Jenn, and I will introduce you to everyone. However, if you do not think the group is for you, I hope you will at least try the meditation I suggested. Who knows? It may take away some of the stress from that nine page paper you have to write.

from the editors' desks

The Westfield Voice extends its condolences to the family and friends of Eddie Fallon

At this point in the semester, most students are looking forward to a few months away from school and responsibilities as finals loom in the coming weeks.

However, we at the Westfield Voice would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of Eddie Fallon after he unexpectedly passed away this past week.

Nothing in life is guaranteed except death and taxes, but that does not make experiencing either any easier.

This is a time for the Westfield State community to come together and help each other move forward in such a difficult time.

As we struggle to come to terms with the tragic loss of a classmate, teammate, and friend, we understand the importance that surrounds each life.

Eddie had so much ahead of him, and it is unfortunate that we will not be able to see the amazing person he would grow to be.

Counseling services are available for support, and students and faculty members are always willing to help strengthen the bond that people have when involved with this university.

Eddie will not be forgotten because of his involvement around campus and all of the people that he influenced along the way.

This campus has seen its history of tragedies, and each person is remembered in an honorable and influential way that they would be proud of.

Eddie may have left this Earth too early, but he will remain a member of this campus for a long, long time to come.

Do you like to write?
Do you like to edit?
Do you like to take photos?
Do you like to socialize with people?
Are you human?

If the answer was yes to any of these questions, you should write/edit for us!

We are looking for new editors for next year.
If you are interested, contact thevoice@westfield.ma.edu.

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Participation will earn you 5 points towards the Banacos Cup!

gail's guidance

Dear Gail,
My next-door neighbors suck. They are loud, insensitive jerks that scream a lot and play games made for four-year-olds. I wish I were making this up. What do I do?

Signed,
Anonymous

Dear Anon,
I love a boisterous party as much as the next Courtney Hall resident, but there's definitely a time and place for some beauty sleep. If I were you, I would try approaching your neighbors at the scene of the crime. Be polite and assertive. If that fails, talk it out with your RA. Hopefully, she or he is a light sleeper too and feels your pain. As a last resort, grab your sleeping bag and head up to The Voice office. Ya girl Gail is at your service.

Sincerely,
Gail

Dear Gail,
My roommate's armpits won't stop sweating. She goes through five shirts a day, including mine. I want to be sensitive to her condition, but it's getting out of hand. What do I do?

Sincerely,
#sweatyroommateproblems

Dear #sweatyroommateproblems,
Your girl Gail is no stranger to the 3 o'clock rush back to the dorm room between classes for a fresh, dry shirt. I would suggest that your roommate tries putting on deodorant before bed and in the morning. This helps reduce underarm sweat and will hopefully bring her down to three or four shirts a day. Additionally, she can always buy a pack of Hanes t-shirts for a few bucks. Her wardrobe may be mundane, but at least it'll be full! Stay away from those plain white Kanye West tees. Lastly, follow her around with a package of tissues and some body spray if you really love her.

Good luck!
Gail

Do you have a life dilemma? Are you in a pickle and don't know how to handle it? THEN SUBMIT A QUESTION TO GAIL! If you need help in answering your perplexing issues then email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu and ya girl Gail will give you the guidance you need to overcome your perdicament. Also, look for the Gail's Guidance submission box around Ely.

Westfield State alumnus honors university through musical composition, set to be performed at Dever

From Press Release

The Westfield State University Foundation has partnered with alumnus Simon Brown '11 of Great Barrington, Mass., to create a musical composition honoring Westfield State University founder Horace Mann. "Pieces of Horace Mann" will have its inaugural performance on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. on Dever Stage.

Brown, a music teacher at the Austen Riggs Center and the Berkshire Music School, was commissioned by New York philanthropist Jonathan Madrigano to create an original composition last summer.

Simon approached Bob Plasse, development officer at the Westfield State University Foundation, to link his composition to his alma mater. Plasse, who had previously worked with Brown to create the Festival of New Music, which has helped composers from around the country have their work heard, was happy to resume their partnership.

"It has been such a pleasure and gift to have reconnected with Simon, who really is passionate about the world of new music," Plasse said, "How wonderful it is to have been allowed on this journey with Simon and our talented music department administration, professors, and students to bring Simon's creative work to the concert stage."

Madrigano serves as the benefactor for the $10,000 commission and Brown's partnership with the university allowed him both to write a composition about Westfield State and debut it at his alma mater.

Since Westfield State University concluded its 175th anniversary celebration last spring, Brown and Plasse felt the composition should pay homage to the university and its founder. Included in the piece is Mann's famous quote, "If ever there was a cause worthy to be upheld by all of toil or sacrifice, it is the cause of education."

Written for the university's wind symphony with parts for the chorale, "Pieces of Horace Mann" references Mann's life, including his championship for human rights.

"The musical form of my piece serves as a metaphor for Horace Mann's life and legacy," Brown said. "The beginning is dark and vicious, the middle is contemplative, and the end is glorious but questioning. I imagine this as the dark times he was born into, his birth of the American school system, and the times we live in now."

Brown said though the piece has some dark elements, including a deep depiction of slavery with the sound of a whip, he assures that the composition is overall uplifting.

"Even through the dark, terrible, intense music, there can still be a message of strength," Brown said.

Brown said he is still having a hard time fathoming that he was paid a commission to write about Westfield State.

"To receive a commission on this level is unreal," Brown said.

Though still processing, Brown is happy to give back to a university that helped him so much.

"The university fostered my creativity," Brown said.

However, Brown almost didn't get the chance to attend Westfield State. When he toured the school, he had missed the initial application deadline, but Andrew Bonacci, associate professor of music, went out of his way to ensure Simon was able to enroll.

"I recall being impressed with Simon's ability to think big, and fearlessly imagine ideas outside of established artistic practice," Bonacci said.

"I knew that Westfield would be a great place for Simon to explore and develop his craft as a composer, and that his creative spirit would help to inspire other students to innovate and conceptualize music in new and exciting ways."

Years later, Bonacci stands by his decision to take a chance on Brown.

"I appreciate Simon not only for his dedication to his music as an artist, and for his many contributions to the university as a student, but also for his continued commitment to Westfield State as a proud alum," Bonacci said.

Brown has built a reputation as an active member of the local community in the Berkshires. He spent two years at Kids 4 Harmony, Western Massachusetts' first El Sistema-inspired program, as their first cello teacher, then as the first site director. Brown taught strings, chorus, baby choir, music theory, composition, and improvisation for this intensive after school program.

Plasse said Brown serves as a model alumnus of the university.

"Westfield State University is a thriving learning community, which includes alumni who are doing wonderful things in their communities," Plasse said.

"Simon's career as a musician reflects that of so many of our graduates, who take what they have learned at Westfield State and apply it to professional lives of quality which also benefit others."

In the final weeks before the debut of his musical composition, Brown said he is eagerly anticipating the concert.

"Westfield will always hold a special place in my heart, and it's an honor to walk through the doors of Bates Hall and have my teachers give me their congratulations with real pride on their faces," Brown said.

Simon Brown's "Pieces of Horace Mann" will end Act 1 of the Westfield State University Wind Symphony Concert, Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Dever Stage in Parenzo Hall on the university campus.

It is free and open to the public. For more information visit: www.deverstage.com.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Eating healthy at the Dining Commons: IT IS POSSIBLE!

Gina Muller
Layout and Design Editor

While it may seem sometimes impossible to eat healthy at the Dinning Commons, most of the time there are healthy options available. Also, in the Simple Servings station, there is usually a healthy option. The food at this station is gluten, milk, egg, wheat, soy, shellfish, and peanut and tree nut free.

However for those nights where you cannot find a dish you like at simple servings, there are possibilities for building your own plate of healthy food.

Chicken - In a four-ounce serving of a grilled chicken breast, there is just under 200 calories, excluding any sauces or marinates.

This serving size is around the size of the palm of your hand and has high amounts of protein. A four-ounce piece of chicken has around 25 grams of protein, with contributes to about half of the recommended daily protein intake by the Institute of Medicine.

Grilled chicken, like all animal protein, is a complete protein, so it contains all the amino acids your body needs to work properly. Even though chicken is lower in fat has less cholesterol than other meats, it still contains around one third of the recommended limit.

Make sure that the chicken is either grilled or broiled. Fried foods have a whole list of reasons as to why they are detrimental to your health, and fried chicken is no different.

Carrots – carrots are a, most commonly, orange root vegetable. They can help lower the risk of cardiovascular disease and have high amounts of antioxidants. These include vitamin C and beta-carotene, which gives carrots their bright color.

Broccoli- Broccoli has a notable nutritional profile. It is a high fiber food and is also very high in vitamin C, potassium, B6, and vitamin A. It is low in sodium and has around 45 calories in one stalk. This super food is well known for its cancer-preventing qualities and can also help with weight loss.

Red onion – While onions have a bad reputation for causing bad breath and tears, there a multitude of health benefits that make them one of the very best foods to eat. Red onions are one of the best sources of quercetin, which helps reduce free radicals.

They have many cancer-fighting qualities and can reduce the risk of stomach cancer by as much as 50 percent if eaten every day. Onions are a good source of chromium, which helps with glucose levels. They have a very low glycemic index level of 10, which means that they are not quick to raise your blood sugar levels.

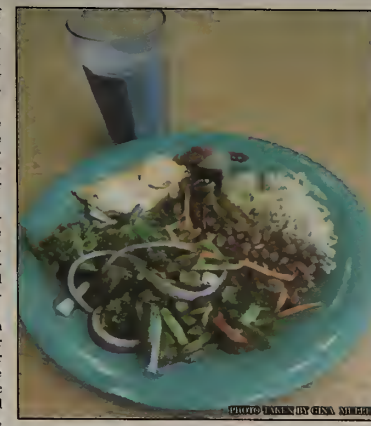
Onions can help cleanse the body, and this is because of the high levels of sulfur compounds. These sulfur compounds give onions their recognizable small.

Asparagus - This nutritionally balanced vegetable is the leading provider of folic acid. In just one 5.3 ounce serving, 605 of the recommended amount of folic acid is provided.

Folacin, which is found on folic acid, helps prevent liver disease and is necessary for blood cell formation. While being a great supplier of folic acid, asparagus is also a good source of potassium, thiamin, vitamin B6 and fiber.

Brown rice – Even though white rice might seem more appealing, brown rice is much better for you. Before the refining process, white rice looks very similar to brown rice. Brown rice is rich in anti-oxidants and is high in fiber. It is considered a whole grain and promotes weight loss.

Baked beans – Beans are an excellent source of fiber. They also help to lower cholesterol because of the fiber that is in them.



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Studies have shown that eating beans up to four times a week can lower the risk of heart disease. In addition to being high in fiber, they are high in protein. If baked beans are not your first choice, then try a sweet potato.

The Dining Commons usually has baked sweet potatoes available next to the rice and pasta. Orange vegetables have lots of nutrients and add to the variety of colors on your plate. The more colors on your plate the better.

Chocolate milk – Chocolate milk has been shown to help athletes and active people with nutrition recovery. After a workout, chocolate milk can help with fluid and electrolytes for hydration as well as acting as a protein source for muscle repair. Chocolate milk also acts as a carbobydrate source to restore muscle glycogen, which is an energy source.

LIBERAL VIEW

Clinton announces run for presidency

Erika Hayden
Voice Columnist

This Sunday, Hillary Clinton officially announced her campaign to run for President of the United States in the 2016 election as the democratic nominee.

For over two years it was rumored that Hillary would take up the challenge to run for president. Those rumors were confirmed in a video that Clinton and her campaign team sent out on Sunday afternoon.

"Every day Americans need a champion. And I want to be that champion," Clinton said.

Clinton, 67, would be the first ever woman President of the United States. She was the only first lady to ever hold a seat in the senate.

John Pedosta, the campaign leader, tweeted, "Helping working families succeed, building small businesses, tackling climate change & clean energy. Top of the agenda."

Focusing on fixing the gender wage gap has been a topic in presidential campaigns, but has never been a primary focus. Right now women in America make 70 cents to every dollar a man makes.

Climate change has also been a topic that has been brushed under the rug.

While many Republicans still deny the climate's decline and our role in creating it, 97 percent of the scientific community does not, according to NASA.

Clean energy and jobs were talked about briefly in the 2008 Obama campaign, but were never really explored further.

Winning the election would mean that the White House would continue to be run by a Democrat for the next four years.

In a poll by CBS this past February, 81 percent of Democrats said that they would vote for Clinton if she announced that she was running for president.

"I think she would be an excellent president," said President Barack Obama.

Those who have been skeptical of the leadership of President Obama's administration are hoping that Clinton will lead the way for Democratic agendas in the White House.

Republicans, however, said that voters want change in Washington. Republican National Committee spokesman Michael Short said, "Voters want fresh leadership and a new direction, not four more years of Obama's failed policies."

Launching the campaign video online was long expected, but a sure way to get a younger audience to the polls.

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6. Trap Queen - Fetty Wap
7. Style - Taylor Swift
8. G.D.F.R - Flo Rida Ft. Sage The Gemini & Lookas
9. FourFiveSeconds - Rihanna, Kanye West, & Paul McCartney
10. See You Again - Wiz Khalifa Ft. Charlie Puth

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7. Far From the Madding Crowd
8. Hot Pursuit
9. Mad Max: Fury Road
10. Pitch Perfect 2

Stewart, Binoche shine in 'Clouds of Sils Maria'

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

The chemistry between Kristen Stewart and Juliette Binoche is palpable in their new film "Clouds of Sils Maria," which premiered April 10.

Stewart plays Valentine, the assistant to veteran actress Maria Enders (Binoche), and shines in a way that she previously has not on screen.

Enders takes on a role in the revival of the play that made her famous 20 years earlier. She must grapple with the fact that, instead of playing the role of the young, manipulative assistant, she must play the role of the older woman who is put in a place of irrelevancy before disappearing completely.

As Enders prepares to take on the role, she believes that this play is a bad idea and portrays a bad message. When Valentine makes the point that she did not hold the same beliefs 20 years earlier, when she was playing the role of the character who had all the power instead of the character that is torn apart, Enders resists and says she should have thought the play was a bad idea then.

Valentine continues to push on an obviously resistant Enders, telling her that it was easy for her to relate to the younger character. She says that it is easier to relate to strength rather than weakness, youth is better to portray than maturity, and cruelty is "cool" while suffering stinks.

Enders refuses to see that Valentine is right, and it causes an irreversible rift between them.

Stewart and Binoche play off of each other so well that even when their characters are shown discussing trivial things, it seems real instead of scripted. When they are in deep conversation about important matters, the audience feels as if they are watching a private conversation.

In this role, Stewart is able to shine and make a statement – she is a true actress and she is not going away. The praise that Stewart has received from critics has been overwhelmingly positive. This praise is well deserved, considering Stewart became the first American actress to win a Cesar Award – the French equivalent of an Academy Award – for her performance.

"Clouds of Sils Maria" earned $70,000 in its opening weekend and has a 92% rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Battlefront to feature at conference

Joey Russo
Voice Reporter

Star Wars is widely considered to be the most iconic movie series of all time. Its release in 1977 changed the way moviegoers saw the science fiction genre forever, and literally catapulted no-name director George Lucas to superstardom overnight. Now forty years and five movies later, Star Wars nation still comes out in "force" at the annual Star Wars Celebration, which will take place in Anaheim later this weekend.

The first-ever celebration was held in Denver in 1999, and due to its growing popularity, it has made appearances internationally in London in 2007, Japan in 2008, and even Germany in 2013.

According to the celebrations website, nearly 150,000 people are expected to attend this year's event, making it one of the largest in recent history, and for good reason. This year may be the most anticipated to date when considering the newest installment to the saga - Star Wars Episode 7: The Force Awakens, and the growing buzz about the newest Star Wars: Battlefront game.

Information regarding the two highlights of this celebration has been kept secret from Star Wars Nation with the promise that there will be plenty of surprises.

With both the video game and the movie expecting to be released in Dec. 2015, fans around the world have been agonizingly patient to hear any news regarding the film and game. On Nov. 28 last year, director JJ Abrams released a 91-second teaser trailer for his new film to entice the already ecstatic fan base.

In 2013 at the E3 video game award ceremony, a 33-second trailer was released for the newest Battlefront video game. The trailer recreated the Hoth battle scene from Episode 5: The Empire Strikes Back, in which Luke Skywalker emerges from his crashed ship, searching the dense snow only to see the massive leg of an AT-AT walker coming straight for him before the screen fades to black. Understandably so, the hype surrounding the release of the game is enormous.

In 2004, Star Wars: Battlefront was the bestselling Star Wars video game of all time; it allowed fans at any level the ability to recreate the sagas most heralded battles. The sequel was released the following year, this time with more battles and more game modes, including the most popular "hero mode", where you were able to play as the most iconic heroes and villains from all six films and battle it out on the planet Tattooine.

During its ten-year hiatus, Battlefront was missed dearly by die hard Star Wars fans, so when the news broke nearly two years ago about a possible return to the newest generation of gaming platforms, it turned a lot of heads. It's been speculated that the game is being used as a foray into the newest film, and fans couldn't think of a better way to familiarize themselves.

May 19 will mark the ten-year anniversary of Revenge of the Sith's release, a long ten years in the eyes of Star Wars fans, since there's been close to nothing to fill the void during that time period.

For those who were around to see Star Wars initial release in 1977, the news about the newest installment to the saga must bring back great memories. You can stay up to date via Twitter by following @SW_Celebration for all the latest updates on this year's celebration.

Whether you're into Star Wars or not, I think we can all agree that we're all Star Wars fans for that one weekend in April.

Woodley wins big at Movie Awards

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

The 24th annual MTV Movie Awards aired Sunday, April 10 and they were raunchy as ever, as host Amy Schumer made filthy jokes about "Fifty Shades of Grey" and her gag reflex, or lack thereof. The show provided entertainment for two hours with lively acceptance speeches, exclusive first looks, musical performances, and special tribute awards.

The biggest winner of the night was Shailene Woodley, who won three Golden Popcorns: one for Best Female Performance, one for Best Kiss – shared with Ansel Elgort, – and one for Movie of the Year for "The Fault in Our Stars."

Woodley also received a special honor, the Trailblazer Award, which was presented by co-star and close friend, Miles Teller.

The Trailblazer Award is given to an actor or actress who has a diverse acting range and inspires others with their work. Past recipients include: Emma Stone, Emma Watson, and Channing Tatum.

In her speech, Woodley talked about the importance of having a good support system, which she called her "community," and vowed not to change.

Other recipients of special awards included Robert Downey Jr., who won the Generation Award, and comedian Kevin Hart, who won the Comedic Genius award.

Jimmy Kimmel presented the award to Kevin Hart, but not before making several jokes at his expense about his height. Hart brought his children on stage with him and said that he did all the movies for them.

The cast of "The Avengers" assembled to present the award to Robert Downey Jr., and bowed to him when he came on the stage. "If a man is judged by the company he keeps then I must be doing something right," Downey said as he smiled at his cast members, "look who I'm rolling with."

An exclusive clip of the new Avengers movie, "Age of Ultron" was shown after his speech.

"The Avengers" was not the only movie that got that treatment, however, as other exclusive clips of movies and television shows were also shown.

The cast of "Pitch Perfect 2" - Anna Camp, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow, and Hailee Steinfeld - showed a sneak peak of the new movie. Bella Thorne then took the stage to show an exclusive first look at the Scream MTV series.

Energetic musical performances also dominated the night as Fall Out Boy feat. Fetty Wap performed "Centuries," and Charlie XcX feat. Ty Dolla $ign and Tinashe performed "Drop That Kitty."

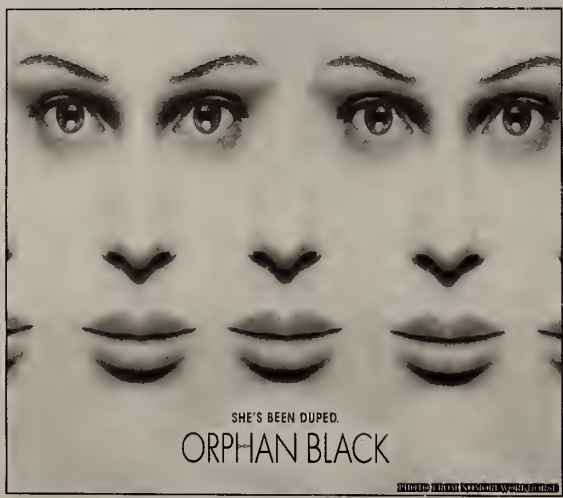
PHOTO FROM MTV.COM

Shailene Woodley accepted the award for best female performance at the MTV movie awards. The Fault In Our Stars was nominated for seven times.

Other winners included: Jennifer Lopez for Best Scared as Sh** Performance; Channing Tatum for Best Comedic Performance; Zac Efron and Dave Franco for Best Duo; Gone Girl for Best Breakup; and Bradley Cooper for Best Male Performance.

Cooper won for his performance as Chris Kyle in the movie American Sniper, and he dedicated his win to all the men and women who serve along with their families. Cooper also dedicated his award to the late Chris Kyle, who was killed upon returning home from duty.

BBC hit drama 'Orphan Black' set to return for third season Saturday



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Orphan Black is a Canadian science fiction television series that airs on BBC America for U.S. viewers. Tatiana Maslany is the star of the shows as she plays multiple identical character who are clones of each other. The show raises questions about human cloning and personal identity.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

The clones are returning. "Orphan Black," the hit show on BBC America, is set to return for its third season on Saturday, April 18 at 9 p.m.

Orphan Black is about a woman named Sarah Manning (Tatiana Maslany) who witnesses a woman who looks just like her commit suicide. Manning then steals her purse and decides to take over her life in order to steal all of her money.

However, once Manning is pulled into the life of the woman, Beth Childs (also played by Maslany) discovers a shocking secret – there are more people who look exactly like her. She witnesses Katja Obinger (Maslany) get murdered in front of her eyes, which prompts Manning to go to Obinger's hotel room to search for clues.

Those clues lead her to Alison Hendrix (Maslany), a suburban soccer mom, and Cosima Niehaus (Maslany), a scientist. They explain to her that they are clones and someone created them as an experiment. However, now there is someone trying to kill them all off.

Manning discovers the person set on killing them, which is a shock, considering the culprit is one of their own clones: Helena. Helena (Maslany) is a wild woman who is being controlled by a religious extremist.

The clones are able to save Helena and convince her that she needs to work with them, and then they encounter their next threat: Rachel Duncan. Rachel (Maslany) is the leader of the institute that has been trying to control the clones.

Orphan Black's explosive second season ends with Helena pregnant and kidnapped (again!), Cosima on the brink of death, and Sarah coming face-to-face with the biggest shock of all: they are not the only clones. There are also male clones, and they are dangerous.

Sarah and her sisters will surely encounter more danger when the show returns this Saturday.

JONATHAN REBMANN, Editor

owls athletics

SOFTBALL

Owls swept in home doubleheader against MCLA

Erica Gouin slides into third with a triple in a recent game against Framingham State. The Owls won the game but lost both games of a doubleheader against MCLA on the following Tuesday.

Michael Barry
Voice Reporter

Westfield State's softball team suffered an unfortunate double-header sweep against MCLA this past Tuesday. Westfield lost the first contest by a score of 8-0 and the second 11-4.

In the first game, the entire contest only lasted five innings due to an eight-run mercy rule. MCLA pitcher Rachel Quackenbush stayed in the entire game, pitching a shutout while recording five strikeouts and giving up four hits on her way to recording the win.

The MCLA hats were hot throughout the win, recording their eight runs on only seven hits. However, another major factor was an inconsistency on the field for the Owls. Westfield recorded an unfortunate four errors in the five short innings.

Designated Hitter Jamie Riccardi was the offensive standout for the Owls, recording two of the four hits.

The second game showed more promise from the Westfield bats, but it still wasn't enough to take down the high-powered MCLA offense. In a game that made it the whole seven innings the second time around, it was the errors again that plagued the Owls, as only six of the 11 MCLA runs were earned.

The Owls recorded a less than ideal six errors while MCLA had four of their own. It's possible that the windy weather that has been prevalent the past few days played a factor, however both teams would surely hope to improve in the near future.

Even in the loss, there were still players with impressive showings offensively. Westfield's Breanne Bisceglia went 3 for 3, while Lindsey MacQuarrie had a solid game at the plate as well, going 2 for 3.

A total of eleven Westfield runners were left on base between both games, and that has to be something that Coach Lindsay Sawyer will want to address. Opportunities like that need to be capitalized on if this team wants to improve in the future.

On the hill, the Owls didn't perform as well as they would, striking out only three batters on the day. Either the pitching or fielding have to improve if this team wants to make a late-season run.

Of the four Westfield runs, only one was earned. Sloppy play in the field was all over this double header for both sides and left both team's coaches with plenty to work on in practice in the following weeks.

The Owls are now 6-10 on the season, inclusing a 2-4 record in the MASCAC. They play another doubleheader against WPI on Wednesday, where they hope to bounce back from their recent string of losses.

Track sweeps Jerry Gravel Classic

Andrew McIntosh
Voice Reporter

The men's and women's track teams are now in full swing after the Owls hosted the Jerry Gravel Classic this past Saturday, where the Owls took first in both the men's and women's divisions.

The women scored an impressive 196 points against an array of formidable opponents, including Bridgewater State and UMass Dartmouth, while the men's team earned 225 total points on the day.

Naloti Palma put on another impressive showing after placing in three events, including a second-place finish in women's shot put after throwing 11.8m. In the discus event, Palma finished first with a distance of 37.6m and earning 10 points. In the hammer throw, she threw for a distance of 39.93m, taking four points and racking up 22 total points for the Owls.

Women's javelin had two Owls place, including Marisa Parmeggiani, who placed second with a distance of 31.12m. In women's pole vault, Ashley Craig earned a first-place finish with a score of 3.61m. The Owls had a second-place finish in women's 3000-meter run from Megan Erickson, with another second-place finish in the women's 4x400 with a time of 4:26.38 consisting of Jessie Cardin, Ashley Monahan, Autumn Brown, and Mary Elizabeth Digan.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Meg McNamara finished first with a time of 16:19. More first-place finishes for the Owls include Jessie Cardin in the women's 1500-meter run, who earned a time of 4:52.7, and Ashley Monahan, who finished with a time of 2:22.19.

Freshman Ashley Craig set a school record in the pole vault to highlight the Westfield State women's team performance. She cleared 3.61m (11'-10") in the pole vault, breaking Amy Auclair's 2013 school record (11'-7.25") by 2.75 inches.

The men's team had many first-place finishes, including two from Steve Sam in both the discus throw and the hammer throw. In men's shot put, Brian Garcia placed second for the men's team with a distance of 13.24m.

In javelin, the Owls had a very strong showing, taking first, second and third. First-place finisher Travo Godette easily came away with the win after throwing for 66.0m, followed by David Drigo with a throw of 56.14m and John Sheerin with a throw of 45.44m.

In the long jump, Dereck Stone placed second after leaping for a distance of 6.73m, while Zachary Delisle placed first in the pole vault after scoring 4.51m. In the Men's 3000-meter steeplechase, Steven Connolly placed first with a time of 10:13.52.

In the Men's 400-meter dash, Kyle Sullivan placed first with a time of 50.81 seconds. Sullivan also placed first in the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 22.6 seconds.

He also participated in the 4x400 alongside John Tomlin, Matthew Moussamih and Kevin Sawyer, placing first with a time of 3:24.64.

The Owls hope to carry this success into their meet next week this upcoming Saturday. The meet will take place at Springfield College.

Scores of Post Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 9th
Baseball at Springfield College W 8-2
Friday, April 10th
W LAX vs Mass. Maritime W 16-2
Saturday, April 11th
M/W Track at Jerry Gravel Classic 1st Place/1st Place
Baseball vs Framingham State (DH) W 7-3/L 3-12
Softball vs Framingham State W 5-3/W 6-2
Tuesday, April 14th
W LAX at Bridgewater State W 18-9
Baseball vs MCLA (DH) W 5-0/L 7-8
Softball vs MCLA (DH) L 0-8/L 4-11
Wednesday, April 15th
Baseball vs Western New England W 14-7

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 16th
W LAX at Western Connecticut 7:00 pm
M golf at WNEU Invite 10:00 am
Friday, April 17th
Baseball vs Western Connecticut 3:30 pm
Saturday, April 18th
Baseball vs Salem State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:30 pm
Softball vs Salem State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm
W LAX vs MCLA 1:00 pm
M/W Track at Springfield College Invite
Monday, April 20th
Baseball at Fitchburg State (DH) 1:00 pm/3:30 pm
Softball at Fitchburg State (DH) 1:00 pm/3:30 pm

Baseball continues hot streak at home

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WSU Athletic Department

Senior third baseman Pat McWilliams (Duxbury/Duxbury, Mass.) was 3-4 at the plate with three runs batted in, and Nick Cunningham (Ashland/Ashland, Mass.) spun a second straight strong start as Westfield State was a 7-2 winner over Becker College in a non-conference baseball game at Bud and Jim Hagan Field on Monday afternoon.

Westfield improves to 14-4 with the win, while Becker falls to 9-8.

Becker took a 2-0 lead in the third inning on RBI singles by Sean Stone (Blackstone-Millville/Blackstone, Mass.) and Niko Bedell (Eastport-South manor/Eastport, N.Y.).

Westfield responded in the fifth inning, finally getting to Hawks' starter Tyler Wagar (Uxbridge/Uxbridge, Mass.) for four runs on an RBI single from McWilliams, and RBI doubles from Tim Santilli (Tantasqua/Southbridge, Mass.), and Connor Sheridan (South Hadley/South Hadley, Mass.)

Cunningham came out of the dugout with a shutdown inning, striking out the 2-3-4 hitters in the Becker lineup in the sixth.

Westfield added an insurance run in the seventh on a leadoff double from McWilliams, who later scored on a Danny Dimatteo (Cape Cod Tech/Dennis, Mass.) fielder's choice.

In the eighth, the Owls scored a pair of runs when McWilliams plated both Jeremy Tanguay (Gateway/Huntington, Mass.) and Kyle Murphy (Westfield/Westfield, Mass.) after those two had walked and advanced on a wild pitch.

Cunningham (2-0) tossed 8-2/3 innings, allowing nine hits and just one earned run, walking one and striking out six in earning his second win of the season. Evan Moorhouse (Westfield/Westfield, Mass.) reached base four times for the Owls on a base hit, two walks and a hit by pitch. Murphy scored a pair of runs for the Owls.

Wagar (1-4) took the loss for Becker, yielding four runs (three earned) in four innings while walking three and striking out four.

Westfield hosted MCLA on Tuesday in a MASCAC conference double header which began at 2:00 p.m.

Senior Peter Cassidy threw a complete game 2-hit shutout in game 1 to split the the two games.

Westfield won game 1 by a 5-0 score, while MCLA took an 8-7 decision in the second game.

Cassidy allowed just two hits while striking out four and did not issue a walk in picking up his first win of the season. Danny Dimatteo's two-run homer in the 1st inning proved to be all the offense the Owls would need. Senior shortstop Jeremy Tanguay finished 2-3 with a run scored and two RBI.

Mike Mancivalano (1-1) took the loss for MCLA.

Westfield jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third inning of the night cap, with Dan McCormack and and Dimatteo rapping RBI base hits for the Owls.

In the night cap, MCLA struck for eight runs, all unearned in the fourth inning. Rory Slattery had a 2-run double, and Mike Sullivan an RBI single for the trailblazers in the big inning.

Starter Todd Hunt went six innings to earn the win, while Liam Nolan pitched a scoreless seventh inning to earn the save. Sullivan finished 2-3 at the plate to lead Blazer hitters.

Pete Liimatanien (2-1) took the tough luck loss for the Owls, pitching 3.2 innings and allowing just three hits but six runs, none earned. Dimatteo finished 3-4 and Tanguay added two more hits.

Westfield State also hosted Western New England in a non-conference game on Wednesday at 3:30.

Westfield State's Murphy was 2 for 3 and had 3 RBI to help the Owls to a 14-7 win over WNEU.

The Owls started off the game with four runs in the 1st inning. Dimatteo had an RBI single and came around to score on a wild pitch in the inning.

Western New England responded with two runs in the top of the second. Eduardo Colmenares (Henry Clay/ Carcas Venezuela) and Kyle Maglio (Glastonbury/ Glastonbury CT) both had RBI hase hits.

The Owls scored another 4 runs in the second inning. Senior Santili hit a double to right center to drive in two runs for the big hiow in the inning.

Murphy tripled to center field to drive in 2 runs in the 6th to cap the scoring for Westfield.

Sophomore Nate Barnes (Westfield, Westfield MA) started the game for the owls and pitched four innings. Freshman pitcher, David Manning (North Attleboro, North Attleboro MA) pitched two shut out innings in relief for the owls to earn the win.

Dan Whigham (Quahhin Regional, Barre, MA) was 4 for 4 with three runs scored for Westfield. Pat McWilliams (Duxbury, Duxbury MA), Connor Sheridan (South Hadley, South Haldey MA) and Dimatteo all finished with a pair of hits.

Starter Nick Salerno (Essex, Essex Junction VT) took the loss for WNEU, Daniel Morin (Salem, Salem NH) finished 4 for 5 with 3 runs scored. Stephen Buckley (Masuk, Monroe CT) had three hits.

Westfield State improves to 16-5 with the win. WNEU falls to 11-12 with the loss.

Intramural Standings

5v5 Basketball - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	9	0	0	18
2	HYFR	6	3	0	12
3	Washed Up	4	6	0	8
4	Touchdown My Pants	3	4	0	6
5	Founding Fathers	2	5	0	4
6	Creepy Crabs	2	5	0	4

5v5 Basketball Skilled-East

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Rocket Power	7	1	0	14
2	Hit It And Quit It	6	0	0	12
3	69ers	5	3	0	10
4	OGBC	4	4	0	8
5	Hit It & Quit It	2	4	0	4
6	Baby J's	1	2	0	2
7	0	2	0	0	

5v5 Basketball Skilled-West

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	OKD	8	2	0	16
2	Bucks	7	3	0	14
3	Semi Pro	6	2	0	12
4	The Legends	6	4	0	12
5	Dirty Tim & the Boys	5	2	0	10
6	White Mambas	5	4	0	10
7	Delly Meat	0	6	0	0

Floor Hockey - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Grinders	5	1	0	10
2	Well Hung Dry-Wallers	4	1	2	10
3	Peanut Butter & Jealous	2	0	1	5
4	Glen Murray's	1	2	2	5
5	Dustin' Bruins	0	0	1	1
6	Octopus C's	1	6	1	3
7	East Bartlett Bandits	0	2	0	0

Floor Hockey - Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	69ers	6	0	0	12
2	Public Safety	3	0	0	6
3	Space Monkey Mafia	6	1	0	12
4	Westfield Man Dimes	3	2	1	7
5	The Goons	1	1	0	2
6	Back That Pass Up	2	2	3	7
7	Below Average Andys	2	3	0	4
8	Bucks	2	3	1	5
9	OGBC	1	4	0	2
10	Deadbeat Creeps	0	3	1	1
11	Carpet Cleaners	0	3	0	0
12	The 30s	0	7	0	0
13	Back That Pass Up	0	5	0	0

Frisbee

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Child Star Hip Hop	1	0	0	2
2	OGBC	1	0	0	2
3	Bucks	0	1	0	0
4	Time X	0	1	0	0

Sand Volleyball

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Well Hung Dry-Wallers	6	0	0	12
2	Back That Pass Up	2	0	0	4
3	Sets on the Beach	4	1	0	8
4	Bomb Squad	2	2	0	4
5	OGBC	2	2	0	4
6	Looks That Could Kill	1	1	0	2
7	Setting the Bar Higher	2	3	0	4
8	I'd Hit That	1	3	0	2
9	Bangerz	1	1	0	2
10	1 Hit Wonders	0	0	0	0
11	Hit It, Don't Quit It	0	2	0	0
12	Hot Shots	0	1	0	0
13	Vicions & Delicious	0	2	0	0

Softball - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Hit It & Quit It	4	1	0	8
2	Hairy Beavers	2	1	0	4
3	IDMP	2	1	0	4
4	Do Your Job	2	2	0	4
5	Ball Dads	1	2	0	4
6	Bad News Bears	1	3	0	2
7	The 4th Base Buffies	1	4	0	2
8	Man Dimes	0	0	0	0
9	Bangerz	1	4	0	2
10	1 Hit Wonders	0	0	0	0
11	Hit It, Don't Quit It	0	2	0	0
12	Hot Shots	0	1	0	0
13	Vicions & Delicions	0	2	0	0

Speith dominates Masters en route to first major

Jordan Speith, currently the second ranked golfer in the world, just won his first major tournament at only 21. Speith was the first golfer to win each of the four days at the Masters since 1978, completing a dominant outing.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

The 2015 Masters came to a close last Sunday with 21-year old Jordan Spieth taking home the green jacket in a field full of heavy hitters. Spieth tied the record for the lowest score through the tournament after shooting -18 in four rounds of play.

Holding a wire-to-wire lead in the tournament, Spieth at one point of the tournament was at -19. Spieth also set the record for birdies in the tournament with 28, crushing second-place finisher Phil Mickelson's previous record.

A huge storyline going into the Tournament was Tiger Woods, who finished at a less-than stellar -5 through 72 holes. Tiger may have not played the best of tournaments, but he actually held his own. The Tiger fist pump was something the golf world needed to see. We got that every day, and it was a great start to what will hopefully be a revival in the once greatest golfer in the world's career.

Rory McIlroy will have to wait another year for the career grand slam after finishing fourth at -12. Rory seemed a bit disappointed with his ending, but a fourth place finish at Augusta is nothing to be upset about. Rory will be easily a top name next year at the tournament.

Phil Mickelson may be old, but he's not letting anyone think he's done. Another second-place finish for Phil has him primed for a major victory this year. Don't be shocked to see the lefty finally win the U.S. Open this year.

This tournament, however, is all about the 21-year-old Texan. He joins the likes of Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and many others now to win the green jacket. After watching last weekend's tournament, it's safe to say we could have a new superstar in professional golf.

The lack of coverage, however, was something that may have really hurt the tournament. Coverage didn't start with the opening groups, but instead it started at 3:00. But beside the problems with the coverage, the tournament proved to be an instant classic.

With both of their strong performances, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy proved to us that they will surely be the new faces of the golf world.

For guys like Tiger and Phil, although we only have a number of years left with these two, it's safe to say they'll be in contention until the day they leave us.

Jordan Spieth is the name added to the champions list at Augusta. At 14, he said he would win the tournament, and at 21 he easily filled that promise.

The U.S. Open is the next major, and my pick is Dustin Johnson to win it all. But after his astonishing experience this week, don't be surprised if Spieth is at the top of the leaderboards with him.

Red Sox keeping level heads despite hot start to long season

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

To say the season is young is an understatement. The beloved Red Sox are 4-2 as of Monday and have delivered more than their fair share of excitement thus far.

Opening Day in Philadelphia couldn't have gone any better. The Sox were treating the Phillies pitching like it was batting practice, cruising to an 8-0 victory. Dustin Pedroia hit two solo shots, while Mookie added one of his own and Hanley Ramirez managing two, including a grand slam in the ninth. Young prospect Mookie Betts also hit a solo home run Clay Buchholz went seven strong inninga in his first outing, striking out nine and allowing no runs to capitalize a very successful first outing.

The Phillies came back a bit stronger in the second game, however, earning a 4-2 win following some costly errors from the Sox. Fortunately, they put that behind them and put together all six runs in the third inning of the final game of the series.

Boegarts led the way in the final game at Citizens Park by knocking in three runs on a triple to right. Shane Victorino, Ryan Hanigan and pitcher Justin Masterson knocked in a run each.

The Phillies scored two runs in their half of the inning as well, but no one else crossed the plate for the rest of the evening. Masterson earned the win after striking out six in as many innings.

The first Sox-Yankees game of the season couldn't be more symbolic of their rivalry. Going into the bottom of the ninth, the Sox were up 3-2 and Edward Mujica was on the mound. With one out in the inning, Yankees third baseman Chase Headley hit a game-tying home run that would extend the game further than anyone knew. Mujica handled the other two batters and the night was only beginning.

Going to the 15th inning, no other runs were scored, although both teams allowed a few hits and walked multiple players. However in the top of the 16th inning, Ortiz tried to end the game by a much-needed home run. The Sox managed to get one more man on base, but couldn't knock him in. Their efforts would not be enough, though, as Mark Teixeira hit a knuckler coming his way into the stands to tie the game again.

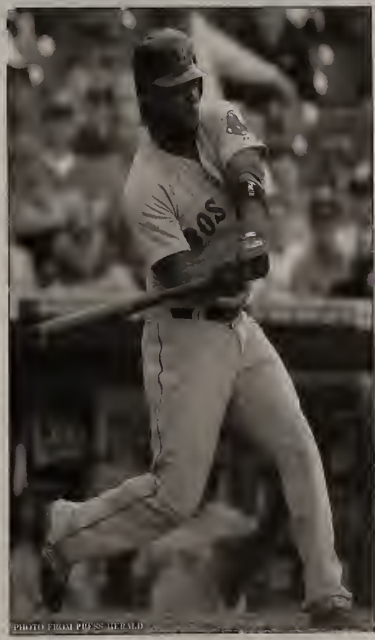
Sox pitcher Steven Wright was taken out of the inning after putting two men on, however Boston was able to make it out of the jam. After a quiet 17th inning, things heated up in the 18th after Sandoval singled to knock in a run. However, for the second time after trailing in extra innings, the Yankees came back to tie the game after Carlos Beltran doubled to drive in John Murphy.

Finally in the 19th, the Sox scored again on a sacrifice fly by Mookie Betts, and this time the Yankees couldn't match them as the Red Sox earned their first victory of the season over their AL East rivals. The next two games were not as exciting, with each team splitting the final two games.

The Sox opened up at Fenway on Monday against the Washington Nationals. For the first pitch, four-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady threw to three-time World Champion David Ortiz. However, the real star of the game was Mookie Betts.

In the first, he robbed a home run from Nationals Bryce Harper. In the second inning, Betts added some offensive support as well after homering and in the third and adding another run later in the game to lead the Sox to a 9-4 win over the star-studded Nationals.

If the Red Sox continue this immense level of play, expect to see them make a late run in October.



Hanley Ramirez and the rejuvenated Red Sox are playing the best early season baseball of recent memory. All of their pieces seem to be falling into place already, but the players are aware of the grueling length of the season.

One And Done

College basketball has become more about star power than team building and it is hurting those that do not win the gene pool

PHOTO FROM HOOPS ADDICT

John Calipari is the most notorious coach when it comes to one-and-done players. He began to recruit this way at UMass and continued his methods at Memphis and now at Kentucky. The most highly coveted players in the NBA draft are young athletes with tremendous potential as opposed to experienced players with not much too prove. The ever expanding ability to make money off of one-and-done players is and will continue to hurt those who aren't as lucky.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

With announcement of defending champion Duke's three star-studded freshmen, lottery prospects Justise Winslow and Jahlil Okafor and Final Four Most Outstanding Player Tyus Jones, declaring for the NBA Draft this week, it's safe to say that college haskethall is finally getting used to the idea of one-and-done players hecoming a normal commodity. Although this may sound good in some cases, there are also many drawbacks to this as well.

Teams such as Kentucky have built their entire programs on renting players for a single year, where these players hope to gain national attention and help their case before they declare for the NBA Draft.

While keeping them for a year does cause them to lose potential earnings that they could garner in that missed year, it also persuades them to earn an education before heading into the NBA.

Because players are forced to spend a year in college, it is much easier for coaches to persuade these players to stay and get their degree since they're already incorporated themselves into college athletics. There, these players gain an excellent opportunity to develop their game and their maturity.

If a player earns their degree, earning their degres also gives them "security" before they head into the NBA. In case a player is unahle to make a roster, American or international, or gets injured, causing him to abruptly end his career, a degree would provide a comfortahle job that could provide a comfortahle cash flow and prevent the chances of bankruptcy.

However, these one-and-dones also pose a wide array of negatives. Because colleges such as Kentucky have huilt their entire system on these one-and-dones, they can easily sign ths hest and most prominent players year after year.

Because of this, these teams can easily overpower the rest of the competition to an immense level.

These players are also adversely affected as well, not only because they stand a chance of getting injured and not making it to the NBA at all hy playing in college, hut also hecause when they are at these one-and-done schools that have no focus on academic integrity, they lose sight of their opportunity to earn a degree.

While college basketball earns these schools and the NCAA a plethora of revenue, ths schools lose valuable scholarship money that they could he giving to huild their academics.

On top of that, student-athletes who would likely stay all four years are losing their opportunity to go to these schools on scholarship since these scholarships are being awarded to players who are only staying for one or two years.

While college basketball earns these schools and the NCAA a plethora of revenue, the schools lose valuable scholarship money that they could be giving to build their academics.

On top of that, there are still players who have found their way around this clause that aren't going to school anyways and instead vying to play overseas and make money. Last year, SMU commit Emmanuel Mudiay opted to play overseas for one year instead of attending college, further proving that the system is already flawed as it is.

Although the acceptanes of these one-and-done players is good for the NCAA, it does more harm than good that this is even being accepted as a normal thing in college basketball. It may be true that this is inevitably going to happen because this rule is there in the first place, but it's hard to understand would want their players to stay as long as they possibly could in the hopes of growing the program.

Even more so, it's baffling that these coaches wouldn't want their players to succeed and grow before they face the professional sports world, where anything can happen.

Instead of accepting one-and-dones, the NCAA should move to make a length of how long an athlete should stay longer. Instead of one year, the NCAA should push to make the policy two years, or even three years, as is the case in college football.

The acceptance of one-and-dones has its positivss, hut the rule in general is fiawed. The NCAA and college programs should address this issue, or it will be the players and the students who will ultimately pay the price.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(Marcb 21 – April 20):
Your love life is bound to get a bit complicated when your significant other is convicted of a felony thia week.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
Taurus's love mixing extreme sports with this new warm weather! The stars would like to suggest you keep a first aid kit close by.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
That fatigue chic clothing style can only get you so far in the workplace.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
You've bad far too much on your plate lately. Swimsuit season is just around the corner...

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
It's time to stop spreading rumors you heard from "a little birdy." Birds don't speak English...

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
Your innate charisma and Liberal Arts degree will only get you so far.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
All of those Friday night "study groups" your friends have been attending are getting a bit fishy...

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
The position of the Sun in not in your favor this week, Scorpio. Break out the sunscreen.

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
It's time to reevaluate your shopping habits. Your closet size vastly exceeds your bank account.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Capricorns love to focus on taking care of themselves. It wouldn't kill you to think of another person every once in a while.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Stay far away from all Taurus's who have announced you their arch nemesis.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars are very taciturn this week, Pisces. You're just not interesting enough to capture their attention.

games & leisure

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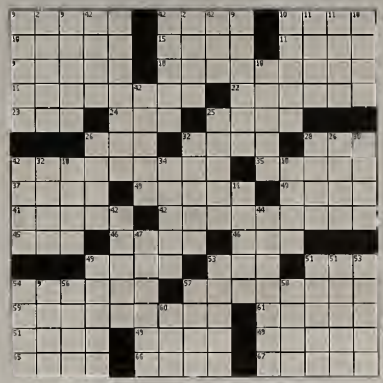

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45. Long period
46. Young men
48. Baseball stat
49. Hoard
50. Roadster
51. Heel
54. Each
57. New York racetrack
59. Asserted
61. More congenial
62. Dancer's skirt
63. Monopoly, e.g.
64. Male bee
65. Halt
66. Discharge
67. Thrones

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2. More mature
3. Metal fasteners
4. Fairy tale monster
5. Remarkable
6. Hurt
7. Ran, as dye
8. Part of "L.A."
9. Censored
10. Clever
11. Little children
12. Butter substitute
13. Unites
19. Copier's need
21. Oklahoma city
25. Fizzy beverages
26. Annoys
27. Bridle straps
28. Tangle
29. Understood! (2 wds.)
30. Merge
31. Crsving
32. Roman emperor
33. College official
34. Playground fixture
36. Machu Picchu native
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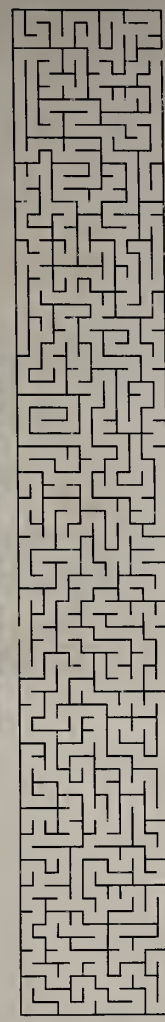

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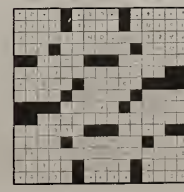

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4/17-18	7:30p	Department of Music: "Avenue Q" $12-$8 (2p Sat)	Dever Stage
4/18	1 p	Women's Lacrosse vs. MCLA	Alumni Field
4/20		Patriots Day: NO CLASSES!	
4/21	2 p	Open Academic Skills Workshop: Bring Questions!	Banacos Center
4/21	6 p	MTEL Workshop for Math test for Elementary License	Wilson 416
4/22	11:30a	Commuter Lunch: Presented by Parking Control Board	Tekoa Room
4/22	3:30p	Baseball v. Keene State	Alumni Field
4/22	4:30p	Leadership Voyage: Emotional Intelligence	Ely 044
4/22	7 p	Women's Lacrosse vs. Salem State	Alumni Field
4/22-25	8 p	The Love Song Of J. Robert Oppenheimer (Fri&Sat 2:30)	Ely Theatre
4/22	8 p	Mysterious Island: Film & Discussion! Movie & Food Drive	Ely Lounge
4/23	5:30p	Reception: WSU Student Art Show	Ely Art Gallery
4/23	6 p	Rock Climbing Wall: Free and Open to Everyone!	Woodward
4/23	7:30p	Small Jazz Ensemble. Show	Dever Stage
4/23	8 p	One Night Stand: Open Mic	Owl's Nest

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Dunkin' Donuts
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Quixote's
Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Subway
Mon - Fri 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
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Sun 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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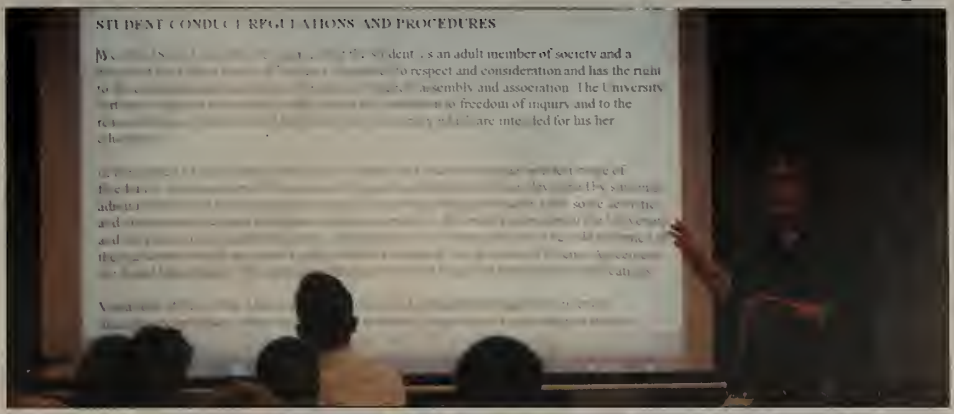
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Sue Lamontagne visits with student conduct policy changes; Maureen McCartney chats about internships



Dean of students Sue Lamontagne begins her discussion on the student conduct policy changes at Tuesday's Student Government meeting. Many of the changes were made to reflect state mandated policies on sexual assault and discrimination.

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The second to last Student Government Association meeting of the year was anything but dull. Three guest speakers, four amendments to vote on, and a close vote on the fate of Priscilla Aguliar's reinstatement, made the meeting dense and engaging.

Originally removed from the position due to absences and a lack of completing her responsibilities as the Lansdowne Place representative, Priscilla Aguilar's reinstatement was officially voted on at the meeting.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, said the SGA voted wrong at the April 14 meeting. She said the SGA constitution states that 75% vote on the motion is needed and there was only a 73% vote.

Since the vote could not constitutionally be reconsidered or vetoed, she moved to reappoint Priscilla Aguilar as the Lansdowne Hall representative.

Aaron Sylvia, Dickinson Hall president, motioned for the vote to be roll call, where senators individually say 'yay' or 'nay.'

There were 29 yays and 29 nays after the roll call. DiVico could not vote on the matter so Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, who was chairing the meeting at the time, was in the position to break the tie.

The rest of the SGA was stunned and looked at Clark in silence awaiting his decision.

After a calculated pause, Clark voted no and pounded the gavel, which confirmed that the motion failed.

Dr. Elizabeth Preston, interim president, was the first guest speaker to appear and was accompanied by Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, to talk about a new campaign, called "Gimme 5," to raise funds for the #SaveTheGlobe project.

She said, "We can't really live with this big bare spot in the middle of the campus and I think we have gotten attached to the globe as a key icon on campus."

She said the administration will be working with students in raising money for the globe by hosting five days of events on the campus green.

Preston called these five days of fundraising an aggressive attempt to get a considerable amount of donations. She also said her personal challenge to the students was that for every $5,000 donated during the "Gimme 5" campaign, she would personally donate $500 to the #SaveTheGlobe fund.

Connolly gave out the dates for the five days and said the raffle prizes students could win if they donated $5 or more, which includes a grand prize of an iPad mini 3. A person could be entered multiple times to the drawing based on the amount drawn over $5. For instance, a person who donates $15 could be entered three times.

Preston said she was very optimistic that the new campaign could the start the funds for an immediate replacement of the globe.

The second speaker was Maureen McCartney, associate dean of academic advising, who spoke to the senators about the prudence of doing an internship before graduation. She said the university encourages students to do at least one or two internships before they graduate. Roughly 400 students, McCartney said, intern at Westfield State over the course of the academic year.

She said each academic department has their own way of handling credits from internships as well as designating faculty members that help students go on internships. A lot of students do their own research as well as use the Career Center's internship supervisor, she said.

One of Westfield State's premier internships is at the Washington Center in Washington, D.C. "Since the year 2000, we have sent more than 400 students for semester long and summer internships at the Washington Center," McCartney

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Two amendments pass with two more proposed at second to last Student Government Association meeting of the year

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

Four amendments were brought to the Student Government Association's Legislature.

Last Tuesday, April 14, Andrew Morin, executive secretary, proposed two amendments to the SGA constitution which where summoned again for a three-fourths majority vote from the Legislature. Justin Connolly, community relations and fundraising representative, proposed two new amendments to the SGA constitution in regards to his position and the representative-at-large position.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian, motioned to approve Morin's two amendments first. They already passed a two-thirds vote and now needed three-fourths to pass. The first one read, "Signature papers must be returned to the SGA room by the first Friday in April at 5:00 p.m. In the event that the first Friday of April falls within the same week as the release of the signature papers, the deadline will be pushed to the following Friday."

The second one read, "No student may run for more than one position on the Student Government Association Legislative Council and/or Executive Council in the same election." Both amendments passed unanimously and were added to article three, section one letter F to the bylaws of the SGA constitution.

After Morin's amendments were done Palis moved on to approve Connolly's. Connolly proposed four written standers to the position of representative-at-large under a new title called "General Legislature Positions."

His proposal for the representative-at-large read, "1. One seat represents at most 500 full-time day students. 2. Serve on at least two campus wide governance committee. 3. Serve on other committees as approved by the SGA President, Vice President of Academic Life, and student representative of the Board of Trustees. 4. Report directly to the Vice President of Academic Life and the student representative to the Board of Trustees."

Connolly's first amendment passed unanimously and Palis moved on.

The second amendment also filed under the new, "General Legislature Positions," title and listed six duties for the community relations and fundraising representative position.

PHOTO BY DELANEY GEMBIS

SGA parliamentarian Sara Palis at the podium explaining the constitutional amendments presented at Tuesdays meeting

The amendment read, "1. Point person for all SGA related fundraising, charity, or community related programs. 2. In charge of the coordination of the Blood Drives throughout the academic year. 3. Serve as Chair to the Neighborhood Advisory Board, or shall appoint an alternate. 4. Serve as a liaison to Health Services and Counseling Services. 5. Works in Conjunction with SGA Executive Council to plan and implement the annual Turkey Drive. 6. Serve as Chair to the Community Relations and Fundraising Committee."

Before the vote, Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, was concerned about the fourth point in the amendment saying that Health and Counseling Services normally deal with the vice president of student life. Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, gave an explanation for the language in the amendment.

He said that since the community relations and fundraising representative already work very closely to those services, with Connolly acting as a liaison this year, it would be prudent to keep it that way for future representatives.

He also added that the vice president of student life will still work closely with the services along with the community relations and fundraising representative.

Connolly also added and answered questions saying that the amendment is to start a Community Relations and Fundraising Committee and have his current position

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news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

UMass student organization Protect Our Breasts will host its fourth annual Yogathon on Wednesday. The event will take place at the Fine Arts Center. Tickets are $10 for students and $20 for non-students. The event will raise money for research to prevent breast cancer. The chapter is part of a national organization.

daily orange
Syracuse University

Syracuse University's University Union has announced that tickets to their 2015 Block Party event are sold out. The event takes place this Friday, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Rapper 50-cent with artists including G-Unit, Kygo, and Rae Sremmurd will perform to an audience of 9,800.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

Animal Rights Advocacy group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has been taking action to investigate the New England Primate Center, run by Harvard University. The center is set to close at the end of May, but PETA wants to investigate the deaths of twelve monkeys over the past decade.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

Thankfully, all students evacuated safely when a bus carrying them to their Boston Harbor Boat cruise event caught fire on the Mass Pike last week. The driver first noticed flames coming from one of the wheel wells and evacuated the bus. The cause of the fire is currently unknown and under investigation.

State police sued by Dobelle over 2012 collision

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

Three Westfield State University administrators were involved in a collision on Western Avenue on July 31, 2012.

Although relatively unknown to the public, Evan Dobelle was a party in that vehicle.

According to recently filed court documents, trooper Sgt. Byron L. Rizos was travelling in the opposite lane at a high rate of speed when he made contact with the university vehicle carrying Dobelle and three other university officials.

They were coming back from the funeral of a Westfield police officer.

The lawsuit alleges that Dobelle sustained "severe and permanent bodily injury" to his "ankles, knees, shoulder, hip, neck, and chest."

The lawsuit claims that Dobelle had a "diminished capacity to enjoy life and attend to his usual activities and [caused] permanent disability."

At the time of the collision, the university spokesperson said that a "campus police officer" was taken to Noble Hospital for treatment, but the other three passengers, including Dobelle, had driven themselves to the hospital for treatment.

Few other details were provided.

The lawsuit seeks $5,801 in damages for medical bills that were submitted to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in Feb. 2013.

According to the court documents, the claim was never processed, thus requiring Dobelle to file suit in Hampden Superior Court.

This case comes three weeks after he and his lawyers dropped the federal lawsuit against state officials caused by the financial scandal that rocked the university last year.

Dobelle has been a subject of inquiry since as early as July 2013.

Former president Evan Dobelle speaking to the Student Government at a meeting in Oct. 2013.

Audits, investigations, interrogations, and the like resulted in a 10-hour meeting of the board of trustees, which resulted in his being placed on administrative leave.

Dobelle sued the university and various trustees claiming that there was no provision in his contract for administrative leave.

He retired from the university in November of 2013. He filed suit a week after his retirement.

Westfield State's 'Take Your Kids to Work Day' to inspire children to follow their dreams

From Press Release

Westfield State University hosted its annual Take Your Kids to Work Day for kids aged 8-12 on Wednesday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event was sponsored by the university's Department of Human Resources and is an employee benefit. The event has been a Westfield State tradition for the past 20 years, and for the past nine it has been single-handedly organized by Human Resources Assistant Holly Robbins.

Take Your Kids to Work Day was designed to educate girls and boys, ages 8-12, about their future career possibilities, give a glimpse of college life, and give them a sense of what the adults in their lives do during the day. The program gave parents an opportunity to demonstrate the importance and challenges of integrating work and family. All events were free of charge and parents were welcome to attend events with their children.

A full day of activities started at 8 a.m. in the Scanlon Hall Loughman Living Room with breakfast and check-in, followed by a welcome by Interim President Elizabeth Preston at 8:30 a.m.

From 9:05-10:15 a.m., children talked and interacted with Westfield State Campus Safety Officer Sean Coughlin, and City of Westfield police officer Chris Coach, about public safety and the nature of police work. Children were able to try on bulletproof vests, sit in a police car, and learn about police canines from MAKO, the crime-fighting dog.

Parents had the chance to sign their children up for one of four events that occurred from 10:15 a.m. to noon that were intended to engage the students in a variety of different experiences around the campus.

The first event was "Getting to Know You" in the Scanlon Banquet Hall, Room B. Taught by Holly Robbins and Westfield State Student Government President Rebecca DiVico '15, kids were given the chance to create their own pieces of artwork. The children were able to decorate wearable items as a way to express themselves through art.

The second event was "3-D Computer Imaging," taught by Professors Frank Giuliano and Karsten Theis. Kids gained a hands-on experience creating 3-D images on a new form of computer technology.

The third event "Take Me Out to the Ball Games" took place at the Woodward Center Field House and was taught by the assistant to the athletic director Vijay Saxena and graduate assistant Erica Griff. This activity encouraged kids to become more active through playing various sports such as basketball, football, and soccer, and provided insights into what it takes to be a good sports coach.

The last morning event was "Career Cartooning" taught by cartoonist, Westfield State professor, and College for Kids instructor Bill Greaney, in the Loughman Living Room. Children participating in this event learned how to draw and create cartoon characters and learned about the history of the Locney Toons, and how they can someday make a living as a cartoonist.

Lunch was be provided from noon to 1 p.m. in the Dining Commons. Parents met up with their children and were able to have lunch together.

Following lunch, the children broke up into two groups and enjoyed a free swim, the opportunity to learn about emergency preparedness, the Liquid Galaxy, or went back stage in the Ely Theatre to get a sneak peek at the upcoming performance, and grabbed a snack at the Dunkin Donuts in Ely Campus Center before meeting up with parents at 4 p.m.

The day ended with a tour of the campus's Barnes and Noble Bookstore where kids had the opportunity to pick out a gift.

"We want to instill a little bit of a foundation for their future, give them careers to think about, and inspire them to come back to Westfield State," said Robbins. "By allowing these kids to come and take part in these activities, we're giving them a first-hand experience and showing them that these jobs are possible. We hope to inspire these children to follow their dreams."

For more information, contact Holly Robbins at hrobbins@westfield.ma.edu.

Westfield State students pie their peers and professors

Ken Magarian pies student Amanda Masoero '16 at the Circle K Northeast District Convention.

From Press Release

Westfield State University students will have the opportunity to pie their peers as well as university faculty and staff on Wednesday, April 29 from 2-4 p.m. on the campus green. The event is part of a fundraiser for Camp Sunshine.

Based out of Casco, ME, Camp Sunshine provides respite, support, joy, and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families from around the world through the various stages of their journeys. The year-round program is free of charge to all families, and includes 24-hour onsite medical and psychosocial support.

Students pay $3 for a pie, which is actually a pie plate filled with whipped cream, and have the option of either throwing it at their target from a distance or walking right up to the victim and launching the pie right in his or her face. Volunteers have the option of wearing ponchos or hair nets as extra protection.

Pie for Camp Sunshine was organized by the Circle K Club (a division of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield) led by student Morgan Leake '16 of Dudley, Mass. Leake said the club wanted to switch out their annual "Jail and Bail" fundraiser and felt it was an event that students would appreciate.

"How often can someone say they got to pie their professor? Also all the money is being donated to a wonderful cause and it's a fresh new event for people to enjoy," Leake said.

The Circle K Club has held an annual fundraiser for Camp Sunshine for the past five years and has raised more than $1,500 for the organization.

Leake said depending on how successful the event is, Circle K may hold it again next year.

"I'm really hoping that we can make this event our annual end of the year event that everyone on campus looks forward to participating in," Leake said.

Led by Ken Magarian, director of Advancement and University Relations, the Circle K Club is a community service club. Students organize a number of fundraisers and community events including the annual Breakfast with Santa, the Words with Friends city-wide spelling bee, and Helping Out Our Town (HOOT) Day in which students volunteer for various businesses in Downtown Westfield.

The event is open to the public. For more information, email westfieldcircle k15@gmail.com or Morgan Leake at MLeake6282@westfield.ma.edu.

crime log

On April 8, malicious destruction of property occurred between 6:08 and 7:03 p.m. in Parenzo Lot. The case is being investigated.

On April 8, larceny occurred between 6:30 and 8:20 p.m. in the Wellness Center. The case is being investigated.

On April 8, malicious destruction of property occurred at 10:29 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is being investigated.

On April 9, a drug law violation and a liquor law violation occurred at 8:52 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 10, malicious destruction of property occurred at 4:58 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 10, a liquor law violation occurred at 10:05 p.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 11, trespassing occurred at 2:57 a.m. in Courtney Hall. An arrest was made.

On April 14, malicious destruction of property occurred at 1:33 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is being investigated.

On April 15, a drug law violation and vandalism of property occurred at 11:22 a.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

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08:00-10:00 Period 5 MWF 12:35
10:10-12:10 Period 7 MWF 02:45/03:10
& W Seminars
12:20-02:20 Period 2 MWF 09:20

May 7 - Thursday
08:00-10:00 Period 3 TR 11:15
10:10-12:10 Period 4 TR 12:45
12:20-02:20 Period 5 TR 02:15
& R Seminars
02:30-04:30 Make-Ups+

May 8 - Friday
08:00-10:00 Period 3 MWF 10:25
10:10-12:10 Period 4 MWF 11:30
12:20-02:20 Period 6 MWF 01:40
02:30-04:30 Period 8 MWF 03:50
& M Seminars

May 11 - Monday
08:00- 10:00 Period 1 TR 08:15
10:10-12:10 Period 2 TR 09:45
12:20-02:20 Period 6 TR 03:45
& T Seminars
02:30-04:30 Make-Ups+

May 13 - Wednesday
All Senior grades due by noon
May 16 - Saturday
Undergraduate Commencement
May 19 - Tuesday
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Naughty by Nature arrives late and still rocks WSC

MEG CANNING
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Although Naughty By Nature was 2.5 hours late for their Saturday afternoon performance, the group still sent Westfield State College students into a hip-hop frenzy.

Erik Bristow, President of the Student Government Association (SGA), said they reduced Naughty By Nature's contract by $2,500.

SGA is looking at the possibility of prorating their performance, meaning to pay Naughty By Nature by the minute, according to Bristow.

"They broke the original contract by arriving late and not playing a full set," Bristow said.

Maggie Smith, V.P. of Programming, said that Naughty By Nature was irresponsible not to call.

As a result of Naughty By Nature's tardiness, Celestial Drum was pushed on stage early, Traveling Matt's set was reduced, and The Infamous Shoeless Joe had to perform in the Ely Campus Center main lounge.

"Everything worked out in the end," Smith said.

Smith said she was glad CAB did not put a band on before Naughty By Nature. "It kept the *audience's intensity and anticipation up," she said.* More than 1,600 tickets were sold for Spring Weekend, according to Sid Laotzu, the Service Window clerk.

Paul Scannel, Director of Public Safety, said this was probably the best Spring Weekend in seven years. "There was great attendance," he said.

-Photos by Justin McCauley

Naughty by Nature headlined Spring Weekend and played in front of 1,600 screaming fans

Barbara Hand, advisor and secretary for SGA, said it seemed as though the student body had a good time.

"I would like to congratulate Maggie Smith, student volunteers on CAB, RAs, the EMT Club, and Student Security on a successful Spring Weekend," Hand said.

Hand said it was the first time in awhile that WSC had a big-name group. "Additional work and responsibilities come with that, starting in October," she said.

Melissa Roberge, a member of the Campus Activities Board (CAB), said she was glad to see so many people pay the admission fee.

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Psychic Symposia

A set of symposia was conducted this year at Westfield State College dealing with Psychics in conjection with the Student Union. The moderator of these discussions was a graduate student in Special Education, Michael Houlihan. In these sessions an experiment was prosecuted dealing with the manner in which human beings interact on a generic basis. The theory of directionalism was introduced to the academic community as a means to describe the dynamics of productive communication. The main objective of this program was to remove all contrived inducements from students which might ordinarily bring them to such meetings. In this manner, it was hoped to isolate an ordered process whic was transpiring constantly, bringing human beings together to perform a certain function in the psychic progression at a specific time and in a particular place. The results of this experiment have been quite revealing. For, with every passing week new members presented themselves and involved the rest of the group in further knowledge concerning the existence of a directed order in the human condition and in the universe of which we are all an integral part. With the assistance of the Media Services Department, a videotape was recently made which describes the remarkable details of this experiment. Originally this set of symposia had as it goal to engender thoughtful consideration in the students of Westfield concerning the order of things and their placement in it. In reality, this experiment has done much more than that. It has raised to some degree the consciousness of all concerned with it. The theory of directionalism promotes the fruitful integration of all the operatives of communication, psychic and other forms.

It is hoped that these sessions in E-130 have begun a transition which would achieve that end.

Michael Houlihan [illegible] Sharon Schneider)

Graduation
by Michael Seabron

Chance and dreams have
finally
materialized

to
lift
me
upward

how ironic that

I get to
strut and
spread my feathers

in these last days.
. . . Is it really spring?

We go one cold day.
one warm day.
two cold days, one nice day

but one sweet day
I'm gonna feel
warm inside again. . .

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LADIES LIFESTYLE

Shellac vs Gel

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

There are many options besides the basic manicure. Acrylic, gel, and shellac are different options if you want something more than regular polish. While the differences between acrylic, gel, and shellac are obvious, it can be hard to tell the difference of just gel and shellac.

They are very similar and leave an almost identical finish. I personally favor shellac manicures because I think is a little less harsh on the nail bed. However, gels are like fake nails that are placed over your real ones.

For a gel manicure, the manicurist will buff away any shine that is currently on your nails, then up to three coats of gel will be applied to your nails. You will then place your nails under a UV light that will dry the gel in-between each application. This is a more natural looking approach to acrylic, and acts as a protective barrier. Your nails will continue to grow in place, and, because it is gel, it is the one of the most durable manicures you can get.

If you already have nails that are in good shape, you may want to opt for a shellac manicure. The process is almost the same, since both use a UV light in-between each coat. The difference between shellac and gel, however, is that, with shellac, the color is permanent. You cannot change the color once it is put on your nails. Shellac is a good low maintenance way to keep your nails looking nice for a couple of weeks.

The main difference between gel and shellac is that gel requires roughing up the nail bed before application, whereas shellac does not. However, something to consider when getting either a gel or shellac manicure is the UV light that is used to harden your nails.

The UV light used to cure a gel or shellac manicure is around three to five times stronger than a tanning bed. Even though only the tips of your fingers are exposed, it is something to consider and be aware of before going to the salon.

	Gel	Shellac
Removal:	Removal should be done by a professional. Removed by soaking the nails in acetone, and shining with a file. The remains are scraped away with a cuticle pusher.	Removal should be done by a professional. Nails are soaked in acetone and the remains are scraped away with a cuticle pusher.
Appearance:	Glossy and natural finish	Glossy and natural finish
Durability:	Around 14 days	Around 14 days
Effects on Nails:	Nails applied without primer leave no hard impressions. If the primer is applied incorrectly, or if you overuse your nails, there can be damage to the nail bed.	Nails will not be as weak and thin as gel.

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Democrats embroiled in civil war of trade deal- great start to the campaign cycle

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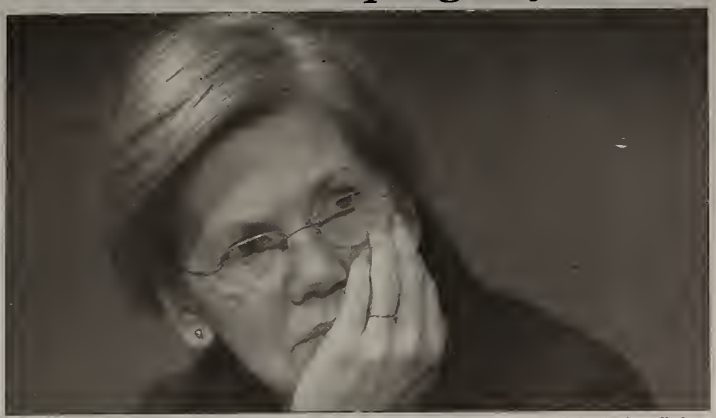

Massachusetts state senator, Elizabeth Warren, voiced concern about Congress and the signing off of a deal that will leave big business, corporations, and the 99% with a better deal than the "American Public."

The Trans-Pacific trade deal that has become the most recent in an effort for bipartisan legislation has caused the Democrats to battle each other in what seems to be a brutal civil war. President Obama is attempting to pass this new trade agreement that involves about twelve countries through Congress, which has drawn support from both sides of the aisle. That being said, the left wing of his own party has become disheartened by the deal and rallied against it on the capital in the past week.

If passed, it would be a landmark deal. Nick Grass of POLITICO called it "the biggest free trade deal in history." However, people like our own state Senator the proclaimed 1/38th (and decreasing) part Cherokee Senator Elizabeth Warren, a favorite of the left and a fan favorite of anyone against big business, joined the dissented against the Obama administration's deal. Warren voiced concern that Congress will be blindly signing off on the deal without seeing any of the deals, which she feels leaves big businesses and corporations with a better deal then the "American public."

President Obama retaliated on Tuesday, April 21 with MSNBC reporter Chris Matthews by saying "I love Elizabeth. We're allies on a whole host of issues. But she's wrong on this." This has caused Obama to distance himself from the more "progressive" side of his party and opened up criticisms from party members. Obama went on to defend his plan as being "good" for the middle class and that the "facts" Warren used were "wrong." This is all part of a bigger battle that his party is having with his administration over "fast tracking" economic deals like this through congress, thus leaving congress blind to the specifics of the plan.

However, Warren responded on Wednesday, April 22 with a blog post titled "You Can't Read This." She stated, "When giant corporations get to see the details and the American people don't, we all lose. Let's level the playing field: No vote on fast-tracking trade until the public can read the TPP deal." This was an escalation of her verbal war with the President basically saying he is wrong.

Now what does this have to do with the Conservative Columnist you may ask? Well, to put it simply, it shows that a common assumption is now a misconception – Democrats are, in fact, not united and are bickering among themselves as the 2016 election comes up. Hilary Clinton has recently been questioned over the deal and has shown no official stance yet. That being said, Clinton stands to alienate the far left of her support group by siding with the President, but she also risks being called a traitor if she goes against the President.

It seems that Democrats have been plagued by dissent since their brutal losses during the midterm elections where they lost their Senate Majority and saw the Presidents approval rating dip in to the lower double digits. Their Senate Leader Harry Reid has announced his retirement and Clinton is being bombarded with intense scrutiny over a variety of "Scandals." Democrat Presidential hopeful Martin O'Malley is launching a fight against the frontrunner by drawing lines to Clinton in her tenure as Secretary of State.

O'Malley honed in on Clinton's vague statements and flip flopping on liberal issues that has taken place of the last few weeks and seems to be preparing for an all out war in a primary battle. He sited Clinton's stand on monetary manipulation that has been a stance of unrestricted measures for the trade agreement.

Jeb Bush has accused Clinton as being a political "flip-flopper" while others fear her previous wavering of support for the last trade deal leaves the involved countries "worried" that the deal may be cut short if she wins the presidency. Now all we need is for the GOP to run a not-so-hostile primary, and it looks like it will be a cakewalk.

Thanks again to the 2014-15 Westfield Voice Staff. We hope this group can stay together as we send off the graduating seniors!

from the editor's desk

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

This week is the last week that I will be helping this newspaper staff with production.

Next Monday, Andrew Burke and "his" newspaper staff will begin production on Volume VI, Edition XVII of The Westfield Voice, which will be his first week on his own without my Orwellian glare over each and every detail.

I will have more to write next week, but I wanted to get some immediate feelings down on paper.

As I am writing this on Wednesday night, I am feeling nostalgic as I recall the first week of my tenure as editor-in-chief.

It was the May 3, 2013 issue. The article on the front page was "Mr. Westfield 2013 raises enough money to 'Make-A-Wish' written by Brittany Moniz, who was the head copy editor at the time.

It was such a nerve-wracking experience. The entirety of the senior editorial staff of the newspaper that year was graduating, so essentially the production fell on me to put together. Brittany, who was supposed to be the co-editor-in-chief, helped when she could, hut, as she was the junior class president at the time, she could not contribute as much as she wanted. She ended up resigning, making way for Nick Sarnelli, who spent this past semester in Ireland. (Nick, the office has not been the same without you.)

I began with my first topic email. Opening with, "This is not a mistake, you're reading the correct email! We are Joshua Clark and Brittany Moniz, your new editors-in-chief of The Westfield Voice," it was overly optimistic.

The majority of the articles that week ending up being Samantha Fahey, Alex Myers, Rob Donoghue, Kylie Coffey, Brady Kerr, and Tyler Morissette saying their goodbyes.

To say that on that Wednesday night I was relaxed would he a lie.

I was overly ambitious trying tc shoot for a 20-page production, so at the last minute I had to make the decision to change to a 16-page production.

We have not had a paper under 20-pages since the May 3, 2013 issue.

As soon as I finished proofing the pages and sent them to the Daily Hampshire Gazette, our publisher at the time, I was anxiously awaiting its arrival.

When I saw that it arrived in the SGA office, I made sure to take as many copies as I could before Rich Darrach, who was delivering the paper, got them to all of the newsstands.

I looked it over, elated at what we had put together, and decided to take a walk around the campus. It was an uncharacteristically nice day at Westfield State.

I ended up finding myself walking into Scanlon Hall, where my predecessors Roh Donoghue and Samantha Fahey were.

Rob was delivering his honors thesis presentation. I sat down next to Samantha, who was surprised to see that I made it. Handing her the newspaper was incredibly gratifying to me; it was almost like a passing of the baton.

Heading into the summer, I was nervous about what kind of content we would be covering.

The ever-present "Will I have enough content to fill the pages?" feeling dissipated in July 2013 as the Dobelle story broke.

As they say, the rest is history.

Joshua Clark is a senior history major, vice president of student life to the Student Government Association, and editor-in-chief of The Westfield Voice. This is his last week as editor-in-chief.

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Soles 4 Souls Circle K Project is big sucess at Westfield State

From left to right: Morgan Leake, Rebecca Talomini, Marisa Parmeggiani. The program collected 881 pairs of shoes this year in and around Westfield State and will benefit over 1000 people. The shoes will be distributed in the United States and overseas.

Rebecca Talamini
Shoe Drive/Circle K Organizer

The Westfield State University Circle K Club hosted a shoe drive on campus as part of a campaign called "Pair it Forward" to help keep shoes out of landfills for Earth day which is April 22 for the organization Soles4Souls. By the end of the drive on campus we collected 881 pairs of shoes and about 35 single shoes (used for amputees).

The shoe drive (weighed in at 1,118 lbs) will benefit more than 1,000 people. For the new and slightly used shoes, these will be given to those in need in the US and overseas. For the shoes that go overseas, they are given to those who are micro-entrepreneurs in developing countries that sell the shoes for Soles4Souls to help end poverty.

The biggest thing that shocked me about this shoe drive was the amount of shoes! The goal that I had originally set for Westfield State University was to collect about 150 pairs. Having collected about 900 shoes by the end of it gave me such an amazing feeling that this drive was beyond what I ever expected.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dianna Stuzhuk, Shaunessey Lambert and Elise Urbanski at Westfield South Middle School for collecting 200 shoes and the K-Kids club at Paper Mill School.

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said.

She said the program allows students to experience different agencies while interning, which includes federal, private, and nonprofit. She said seven to twelve students typically intern four days a week, take an academic class, and come back to the University from D.C. with 12 or 15 credits.

McCartney told the SGA that she recently read a statistic from the National Association of Colleges and Employers that said 65 percent of employers who engage with interns hire them at the conclusion of the internship.

"Employers expect to see internships on your resume," she said.

Ariana Roche, representative-at-large, said that the importance of internships is relatively unknown to most students, and she asked McCartney what the university can do to encourage students. McCartney said working though the academic departments to get them to promote to the students is one way that the university can increase awareness of internships.

The third and final speakers were Susan Lamontagne, dean of students, and Shannon Broderick, assistant director of judicial affairs. They presented content changes to the student conduct policy. Lamontagne said there has been a struggle to integrate Massachusetts' new Title IX policy with Westfield State's student conduct policy. Title IX requires that each university publish a policy stating that it does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education programs and activities.

She said the university wants one document covering both policies in order to make it easier for students to read and find what their looking for. Lamontagne said her team broke down the policies into two levels in the document. The first level of offenses deals with anything outside of sexual assault and discrimination. Level two would be solely devoted to sexual assault and discrimination, which is the foundation of the Title IX policy.

Lamontagne discussed each change in the level one portion of the document, which was already mostly in the student handbook, but now it has a level one rank on it. Level two is all new and written by the state, and it was a requirement for Westfield State to have in the student conduct policy.

Lamontagne said she changed a lot of the university's language to the state's language in the document to create unity.

"What I can promise you tonight is that the content changes, the ones that changed the policy and the ones you really needed to know were changing, are here tonight," Lamontagne said.

Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, and Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, both made the criticism that, by having information from both levels one and two alternating in the document, students would get confused on what violations they could be in for when referring to the handbook. After they said this, most of the SGA agreed that levels one and two should be separated more with their own section and header.

Losco also added that a diagram could help the formatting because all of the black and white wording could create headaches for students trying to map out their issues.

The Madam president announced that the final SGA meeting will feature food at the end and that the SGA Awards Banquet Hall is May 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

After, Clark took the podium remanded students that May 11 was the last day of finals and students should prepare their rooms for inspections before signing off for summer break.

"You do not want be cleaning a mess on the floor, mop, or do any sort of weird stuff like painting or spackling," he said.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, gave a rundown of all the food and events during spring weekend.

Brandon Trafford, representative-at-large, asked how many concert tickets were sold. Chamberlain answered 150 tickets.

The final meeting of the Student Government Association will be April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room in the garden level of Ely by Dunkin' Donuts.

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as active chair. Each class would have their own representative that does work for and in the Committee, he said.

Cubetus was not satisfied with the explanations and voted against the amendment, but it passed with the other senators' votes.

The next SGA meeting will bring back Connelly's two amendments to have them pass a three-fourths vote like Morin's did on April 28, 2015. It will be interesting to see if Cubetus, or any other senator, makes a stronger push to shut down the amendment.

The Student Government Association meets in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room on the garden level of Ely next to Dunkin' Donuts.

PASSPORT TO POLITICS

Waka Flocka Flame announces his presidential candidicy

Juaquin James Malphurs, more commonly known as Waka Flocka Flame, has officially announced that he is running for president in 2016. Be prepared for the legalization of marijuana when he is finally elected to office.

Joshua Clark
Editor-in-Chief

So the race is all over.

That's right folks. Waka Flocka Flame has announced his candidacy for president of the United States of America.

Running on the platform of hanning animals from restaurants, barring anybody that wears a size 13 shoe from walking around in public, and immediately legalizing weed, Waka has got this in the bag.

As soon as I heard that Waka threw his name in the ring for president, I immediately knew for whom I was voting.

Before 4/20, the seminal holiday of the Cannibus sativa smokers, I was locked in a fitful rage, not knowing who in the world to whom I could give my vote.

There was Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, even Marco Rubio on the Repuhlican side.

Such a hard choice, I mean, it was the game of "which Tea Party white guy should be president?"

On the Democratic side it was that lady who deleted her emails. Oh what was her name…

Hillary Swank? Chelsea Clinton? Oh that's right. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It was a tough choice to decide on her; I was not really "ready" to make the decision.

I was almost ready to give up on the presidential election when my eyes were opened to The One. The Messiah.

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Juaquin James Malphurs, or his more common name, Waka Flocka Flame.

A President Flame will do all that is necessary to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

According to a Monday article published in the very credible Rolling Stone Magazine, now-Candidate Flame, on top of all the other things he was advocating for, wants to discuss "innovative new policy proposals on education, jobs, Congressional reform and more."

So I mean, there you have it. I have the guy I am voting for.

Oh what's that Carlin? He is only 28? Oh, you have to he 35?

Great…now I'm hack at square one! All of that hope and promise dashed hy one oversight in that pesky document called the Constitution of the United States.

Oh well…

gail's guidance

Have a roommate who wears your clothes?
Is your girlfriend too needy and clingy?
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gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

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Thanks Gail!
Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

As someone who's had their fair share of secret admirers, I've been subject to some pretty crazy wooing strategies. I've received all of the clichés--flowers, candy, serenades, the boom box outside my bedroom window, and more. What I find most charming in a potential suitor is someone who puts in the time and effort to get to know me. Those get-to-know you conversations can be awkward, but they go much more smoothly when the two parties have similar interests. Don't know what your crush is into? Two words: Facebook "likes". If he's into Florence + the Machine, make it your priority to memorize all of her song lyrics this weekend. If he liked the Shake Weight Facebook page, head over to Amazon.com and buy one now! The more you stalk, the more quickly you'll woo that muscular boy into your arms.

Happy Internet Browsing!
Gail

Do you have a life dilemma? Are you in a pickle and don't know how to handle it? THEN SUBMIT A QUESTION TO GAIL! If you need help in answering your perplexing issues then email thevoice@westfield.ma.edu and ya girl Gail will give you the guidance you need to overcome your perdicament. Also, look for the Gail's Guidance submission box around Ely.

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5. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
6. Earned It - The Weeknd
7. Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding
8. G.D.F.R - Flo Rida Ft. Sage The Gemini & Lookas
9. Shut Up And Dance - Walk The Moon
10. Style - Taylor Swift

top 10 albums

1. Furious 7: Original Soundtrack
2. Future Hearts - All Time Low
3. Fifty Shades of Grey Soundtrack
4. V - Maroon 5
5. 1989 - Taylor Swift
6. In The Lonley Hour - Sam Smith
7. To Pimp A Butterfly - Kendrick Lamar
8. If You're Reading This It's Too Late - Drake
9. X - Ed Sheeran
10. Title - Meghan Trainor

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6. Get Hard
7. Woman In Gold
8. Monkey Kingdom
9. Insurgent
10. Cinderella

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3. Welcome To Me
4. Tangerines
5. Iris
6. The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared
7. Ride
8. Far From Men
9. Hyena
10. Hot Pursuit

Netflix hits the mark with Bloodline

Bloodline, a Netflix original thriller-drama, premiered its first season for streaming on March 20. Starring Kyle Chandler and Linda Cardellini, the series has earned positive reviews with multiple outlets dubbing it as the best Netflix original to date.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

What do you do when you need to protect your family... from your family? John Rayburn and his siblings, Kevin and Meg, need to answer that exact question when their brother Danny comes back to town and sets off a dangerous sequence of events in the new Netflix drama "Bloodline."

"Sometimes you know something's coming. You feel it in the air, in your gut. You don't sleep at night. The voice in your head is telling you something is going to go terribly wrong and there's nothing you can do to stop it."

These are the words that open the explosive first season of Netflix's newest show that chronicles the seemingly dull life of a Floridian family that runs an inn.

John is the sheriff of the town, Meg is a small-town lawyer, Kevin runs a local boat shop, their parents run the inn, and Danny... well Danny just causes trouble if you believe their father.

Danny comes back to town to celebrate with his family after his parents are told a pier is going to be named after him. He causes disruption right from the start. He does not get off the bus when John is waiting for him at the bus station, and later he brings a drunken woman that he had just met to their family dinner.

The first episode is expertly woven with tales from the past and the future. John narrates the episode, and the viewer is left shocked when it is revealed that Danny ends up dead – and all the siblings seem to have a hand in it, one way or the other.

"We're not bad people," John pleads to the viewer as he throws his brother's lifeless body into a boat, douses it in gasoline and lights it on fire, "we just did a bad thing. Please don't judge us."

The season answers the question of Danny's death and more. We learn why the Rayburn siblings' father hates Danny as well as why Danny seems to have a grudge against his entire family.

The family patriarch tells Danny that he wants him gone and then suffers a fatal stroke, leaving the family in shambles. It is then revealed that there was another sibling – a girl – and Danny had a hand in her death, albeit accidentally.

Accident or not, their father blamed Danny and, in a rage, he beat him up causing an injury to Danny's shoulder that never truly healed. John, Meg and Kevin lied to the police, weaving the tale about how Danny was hit by a bit-and-run driver.

Danny was unaware of this until after the funeral – so his ire shifts from his now dead father to his siblings. He has one thing on his mind, and he does not care whom he must take down to get what he wants: revenge.

What follows is Danny expertly manipulating his mother, as well as blackmailing his siblings, to get what he wants. What he wants does not even seem to be clear. It appears that he just wants them all to hurt as much as he has his whole life.

After Danny threatens to tear apart the family and cause irrevocable damage to their family name, – not to mention untold pain to their mother – the siblings decide enough is enough.

"Something needs to be done about Danny," Kevin says. They all agree.

The plan is set into motion. The siblings hide the drugs that Danny had hidden on their mother's property. Subsequently, the most notorious drug dealer in Florida is after Danny for stealing his drugs, which means a certain death.

It all goes haywire, however, when Danny ends up killing the man that is sent to kill him. John knows that something else must be done. He takes Danny out to a private beach to talk to him...and everything goes wrong.

Danny refuses to talk and John snaps and starts to drown him. "When is it going to stop?!" John yells at him as he pushes Danny under the water. When John realizes what he has done, he and his siblings rush to cover it up.

The beauty of "Bloodline" is that the line between right and wrong is not clear-cut. Danny is supposed to be the villain, but the viewer cannot help but feel bad for him.

He is tortured by the death of his sister and her ghost haunting his every move. John, Meg and Kevin are supposed to the heroes, yet they are all flawed and unpleasant in their own ways.

The acting is brilliant, and in "Bloodline" the viewer is able to understand how agonizing each choice that these characters make is.

Bloodline returns to Netflix in 2016 with season two.

KNOWING TO COOK

Among the Culinary Students

The Florence University of the Arts is home to a multitude of study abroad students each semester and our own Ryan Cashman has spent the last three months in Italy. The cuisine is splendid and he, as our food columnist, has subjected his taste buds to heaven overseas.

Ryan Cashman
Voice Columnist

There are two types of students studying here at the Florence University of the Arts: study abroad students and career students. The latter are part of a two-year program directly through the university, rather than being part of a study abroad program from another university. These are the real FUA students.

The career program here at the university is designed to act as a graduate program and propel students into a job of their choosing. Thankfully, for the world and also myself, the majority of these career students are studying culinary arts. I also have the good fortune of living with one of them.

Nick, my exceedingly kind and talented culinary roommate, has been studying here in Florence for the last seven months in order to fuel his passion for food. My roommates and I are his second set of roommates. Rather than spending a single semester in this beautiful city, Nick has chosen to study directly through the university as a career culinary student. Originally from California, Nick chose to pursue his passion for food after his construction job grew tiresome. What better place to pursue a culinary passion than here in Italy, the heart of global food culture?

Italy has inspired the imaginations of artists across the globe, but this small peninsula jutting out into the heart of the Mediterranean Sea has been and will continue to be known for its culinary delights. Delights that a certain columnist continually bashes his readers over the head with time and time again.

Anyway, the culinary career program here at FUA focuses on much more than just Italian food and wine. The main focus and goal of FUA's culinary school, Apicius, is to teach students the technical skills needed to be a chef and how to cook and prepare meals within the seasons. Seasonality is extremely important to the professors at Apicius as well as to the diet and gastronomical welfare of countries all over the European continent and into the UK and Ireland. Now that spring is in the air, ingredients, which would otherwise not be available in the winter, are now growing in availability. Ingredients such as tomatoes – a warm weather fruit – strawberries, blueberries, lemons, fresh basil, and rosemary are beginning to make their presence known in the open-air market.

Earlier in the semester, vendors at Mercato Centrale, the enormous open market in the heart of Florence, were selling these ingredients in small quantities. The market vendors hail from across Tuscany and parts of Emilia Romagna, the region directly north, and they are all extremely proud of providing produce grown and cultivated in their home regions.

Selling tomatoes grown in Sicily, Calabria, or Campania is not something Tuscan market vendors are overjoyed to do. Though Italy has been a single, unified country since 1861, regional pride is still very strong amongst the nations' citizens. Tuscan vendors want to sell Tuscan produce. Unfortunately, much like in the United States, a demand for food year-round has caught on here in Italy. Therefore, vendors are forced to sell out-of-season and out-of-region produce in order to stay economically afloat during the winter months.

The use of out-of-season ingredients is something that, quite frankly, horrifies not only market vendors but also the professors at Apicius. This is why there is such a heavy emphasis on cooking with the seasonal ingredients. Mind you, this is not easy. Seasonal cooking, while growing in popularity within certain gastronomical circles, does not fit the global food economy.

As a result, restaurants that create menus to follow the seasons, despite being fantastic restaurants, are facing some economic difficulties. For one, fresh produce is expensive, – in the US that is, here in Italy it is very reasonably priced – and the mindset of the general public is one that demands immediate gratification. Recognizing this fact, much to their chagrin as Nick has told me, the Apicius professors, though still stressing seasonality, mold certain courses to flow with the global trend.

Nick, along with other culinary students, is finding Italy to be a place of amazing culinary opportunity. Vincenzo, another culinary career student I have the pleasure of knowing, has mentioned on multiple occasions his desire to stay in Italy and one day teach at FUA. Vincenzo has told me that Italy has such a rich and vibrant food culture and, even though the country is going through an economic crisis, passion for food is still present. He has told me that this is what he wants to pass on to future generations of cooks.

The benefit of being a budding food journalist is that I get to meet people who are not only amazing cooks, but also have a drive to continue to fuel their passion for food and extend that passion to others. Recently, Nick invited some of his friends and fellow food and wine students over to our apartment for an apperitivo (small food dinner).

It was by far the most fun I have had while here in Florence. In terms of food, it was the tastiest meal thus far: pecorino cheese with prosciutto crudo (raw cured ham) and salame toscano; rich red wines; crisp and refreshing white wines; homemade humus with vegetables and fresh baked pita bread; Nick's famous white sauce, a concoction of butter and cream with onions, garlic, and white wine, mixed with ground beef and pasta; fresh baked meringue with chocolate and almonds, and pastry spread with chocolate and strawberries for dessert. Is your mouth watering yet?

Spending time with Nick and other culinary career students has further opened my eyes to the great possibilities that come with a passion for food, whether that entails cooking it, writing about it, or both. Much like the Italians themselves, the students here at FUA, study-abroad included, have a drive to succeed and pursue their passions. If any of you reading this are garnering an interest in food or an interest in studying abroad, I wholeheartedly recommend that you nurture your interest and let it bloom into a passion.

Though my time here in Florence is nearing the end, I can say without a single doubt in my mind that studying here and interacting with other students and Italian locals has been one of the greatest and most rewarding experiences of my life. I highly advise anyone with an interest in travel to look into studying abroad. You will not regret it.

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SOFTBALL

Salem State sweeps doubleheader in dramatic fashion

Freshman Maddy Atkocaitis is shown playing a game earlier in the season against St. Thomas (MN) in Winter Garden Fla. She is currently hitting .325 on the season with five game remaining.

WSU Athletic Department

Jen Crovo (Melrose, MA) led the Vikings of Salem State over the Owls of Westfield State in both games of an afternoon doubleheader at Alumni Field. Crovo hit a two run-double in both games, including a walk-off double in game one in extra innings. Salem State improves to 16-12 on the season while also enhancing their Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) to 5-3. The Owls fall to 6-13 on the year while slipping to 2-5 in the MASCAC.

Game One

Marisa Sanchez (Framingham, MA) and Jess Raymond (Lynn, MA) led off the hottom of the first with back-to-back singles to help the Vikings jump out to an early 3-0 lead after one inning. Sanchez and Raymond scored on a wild pitch and a passed ball while Jenn Toussaint (Reading, MA) also scored on a passed ball after being walked earlier in the inning. Westfield State answered in the next half inning as captain Emily Mailloux (Erving, MA) homered to cut the deficit to 3-1. Salem State extended their lead to 4-1 as Molly McLean (Arlington, MA) douhled, bringing in Sanchez from second.

However, in the fourth inning the Owls tagged Vikings' relief pitcher Francesca Perrault for two runs as they hrought themselves to within one. Breanne Briscoglia (Worcester, MA) clubbed a leadoff triple that set her up to score on a wild pitch in the next at hat.

Later in the inning, Emma Dunbar (Weymouth, MA) doubled, scoring Jamie Ricciardi (Tewksbury, MA) for the Owls final run of the fourth. Mailloux kept the Vikings scoreless in the bottom of the fourth, giving their offense a chance to tie in the fifth, which they did. Briscoglia continued to have success at the plate as she brought in the tying run with a double that scored Kat Robinson (East Hampton, CT). Mailloux's dominance in the later innings forced extra innings, but she surrendered a walk-off double in the bottom of the eighth to Crovo, who hrought in Rebecca Krigman (Malden, MA) to secure the 5-4 victory.

Crovo had a great day at the plate as she led Salem State with a 3-for-4 effort, including the game-winning double. Briscoglia led the Owls, going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Perrault (8-4) threw four and two third innings where she allowed one run off four hits. Perrault relieved Rachel Cyr (Amesbury, MA) who pitched three and one third innings and allowed three runs on four hits. Mailloux (3-6) earned the loss as she threw a complete game, giving up five runs (three earned) on nine hits.

Game Two

Westfield State beat the Vikings to the scoreboard in the top of the third as Dunbar doubled, bringing in Kelsey Carpenter (Barre, MA) for an early 1-0 edge. However, in the bottom of the inning, Salem State retaliated with two runs off a Toussaint double that scored Sanchez and Raymond who led off the inning with consecutive singles.

After allowing one run in the third, Cyr and Perrault relieved Meghan Black (Winchendon, MA), who went the first four innings. The Vikings' pitching did not allow another run after the third inning that allowed them to cruise to a 4-1 victory.

Salem State tallied another two runs in the sixth inning off a Crovo double that scored Desiree Moreno (Ashburnham, MA) and Bobbie Dee Regan (Lynn, MA).

Black (5-5) earned the win while Perrault got her first save of the season. Julia Sullivan (West Barnstable, MA) (3-6) picked up the loss after a complete game where she allowed four runs off six hits.

The Owls will travel to Fitchburg State University on April 20th for a MASCAC doubleheader beginning at 1:00 p.m. Salem State will take on the Lancers of Worcester State University on April 20th where they will start a double header beginning at noon.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 16th
W LAX at Western Connecticut W 16-9
M Golf at WNEU Invite 7th place
Saturday, April 18th
Baseball vs Salem State (DH) W 1-0/L 1-5
Softball vs Salem State (DH) L 4-5/L 1-4
W LAX vs MCLA W 18-2
M/W Track at Springfield College Invite 3rd/5th
Tuesday, April 21st
Baseball at Fitchburg State (DH) (Postponed)
Softball at Fitchburg State (DH) (Postponed)
Wednesday, April 22nd
Baseball vs Keene State L 2-4
W LAX vs Salem State
M Golf at Elms College Invite

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 23rd
Softball vs Worcester State (DH) 2:00 pm/4:00 pm
Baseball vs Worcester State (DH) 2:00 pm/4:30 pm
Friday, April 24th
Baseball vs ECSU 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 25th
Baseball vs Mass. Maritime (DH) 12:00 pm/2:30 pm
Softball vs Mass. Maritime (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm
W LAX at Framingham State 10:30 am
M/W Track at MASCAC Championships
W Golf at Williams College Invite
Sunday, April 26th
Baseball at Fitchburg State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:30 pm
Softball at Fitchburg State (DH) 12:00 pm/2:00 pm

Palma, Craig Win at Springfield

Meg McNamara placed third in the 100 meter hurdles at the Springfield Invitational on Saturday. Westfield placed fifth.

WSU Athletic Department

Naloti Palma and Ashley Craig each won their individual events for Westfield State, helping the Owl women to a fifth place team finish in the Springfield College Invitational Track meet on Saturday.

Palma threw 13.21 m (43'-4.25") in winning the shot put.

Craig, who set a school record a week ago in the pole vault, came up short of that mark hy clearing 3.35m (10'-11.75"), good enough to defeat the 12 other competitors in that event.

Other top finishers for the Owls included freshman Jessie Cardin who placed second in the 1500 in 4:49.11, and Meg McNamara who placed third in the 100 hurdles in 15.26 seconds.

Westfield State placed fifth with 78 points. Worcester State won the meet with 145.50 points

Women's Lacrosse wins tenth straight

Junior Samantha Lungarini of Agawam carries the ball in a game against Western Connecticut State University. The team has won ten straight games entering Wednesday, when they will play familiar MASCAC foe Salem State.

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter

The Westfield State women's lacrosse team won its school-record 10th straight game last Saturday, defeating MCLA by a score of 18-2. Their 16-point victory was the largest of the season, narrowly defeating their previous win against Mass Maritime, a game which they won 16-2.

The win streak comes after a slow start for the Owls, who were winless in their first four starts against Mount Holyoke College, Johnson and Wales, and two colleges while they were in Florida, Nazareth College and Meredith College. However, following their home opening win against Nichols College, the Owls began to gain speed, including convincing wins over Smith and Worcester State.

The Owls stormed out to a 5-0 lead in the first seven minutes of the game, which was all they would need. But they didn't stop there, and by halftime, the Owls led 14-2. Although the Trailblazers managed to give up only four goals in the second half, they had fallen too far behind, and the Owls came away with the lopsided win.

The Owls led in nearly every statistical category for the game, including shots and draw controls, where the Owls outshot the Trailblazers 36-5 and held a 15-7 advantage in draw controls.

Senior attacker Stephanie Lenhardt tallied eight assists in the contest, two shy of her school record of 10, which she set back in 2014. She also added two goals for 10 total points on the afternoon. Junior Roni Orcutt, senior Ashley Orris and freshman Stephanie Godek each had three goals of their own.

Rebecca Pike and Natalie Caney scored the only goals for the Trailblazers, while goalie Alexandra David made 10 saves on the afternoon.

Junior Meg Griffin is the Owls' leading point getter of the season with 75 points, while Lenhardt is second on the team with 48. Lenhardt leads the team in assists with 23, and Griffin leads the team in goals with 54.

Just the week before, both Griffin and Brooke Williams earned MASCAC Player of the Week honors. Between the two games against Smith and Fitchburg State, Griffin tallied 17 points, including six goals in the Owls' win over the Falcons. Williams earned nine points in the two games, five of which were goals and including the final three goals in the 19-9 conquest over the Pioneers.

With the win, the Owls improve their team record to 10-4 overall and 5-0 in MASCAC play. They play their next game against Salem State Wednesday at 7pm, their final home game of the season.

After that, they play their final regular season game against Framingham State before they participate in the MASCAC tournament.

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Intramural Standings

5v5 Basketball - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Splash Bros	9	0	0	18
2	HMFR	6	3	0	12
3	Washed Up	4	6	0	8
4	touchdown My Pants	3	4	0	6
5	Founding Fathers	2	5	0	4
5	Creeps Crabs	2	5	0	4

5v5 Basketball Skilled-East

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Rocket Power	7	1	0	14
2	69ers	5	3	0	10
3	OGBC	4	4	0	8
4	Hit It & Quit It	2	4	0	4
5	Boby J's	1	2	0	2

5v5 Basketball Skilled-West

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	OKD	8	2	0	16
2	Bucks	7	3	0	14
3	Semi Pro	6	2	0	12
4	The Legends	6	4	0	12
5	Dirty Tiai & the Boys	5	2	0	10
6	White Mambas	5	4	0	10
7	Delly Meat	0	6	0	0

Floor Hockey - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Grinders	6	1	0	12
2	Well Hung Dry-Wallers	5	1	2	12
3	Peanut Butter & Jealous	2	2	1	5
4	Glen Murray's	1	3	3	5
5	Bustin' Bruins	1	0	1	3
6	Octopus G's	2	6	1	5
7	East Bartlett Bandits	0	3	0	0

Floor Hockey - Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	69ers	6	0	0	12
2	Space Monkey Mafia	7	1	0	14
3	Public Safety	3	0	0	6
4	Ruff Riders	3	1	1	7
4	Westfield Man Dimes	3	3	1	7
5	The Goons	1	1	0	2
6	Back That Pass Up	2	2	3	7
7	Below Average Andys	2	3	0	4
8	Bucks	2	3	1	5
9	OGBC	1	4	0	2
10	Carpet Cleaners	1	3	0	2
11	Deadbeat Creeps	0	3	1	1
12	The 30s	0	5	0	0
13	Back That Pass Up	0	5	0	0

Frisbee

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Child Star Hip Hop	2	0	0	4
2	OGBC	2	0	0	4
3	Bucks	0	2	0	0
4	Time X	0	2	0	0

Sand Volleyball

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Well Hung Dry-Wallers	7	0	0	14
2	Sets on the Beach	5	1	0	10
3	Looks That Could Kill	4	1	0	8
4	Bomb Squad	3	2	0	6
5	Back That Pass Up	2	1	0	4
6	Setting the Bar Higher	3	3	0	6
7	OGBC	2	2	0	4
8	Baagerz	1	4	0	8
9	Hit It, Don't Quit It	1	4	0	2
10	Vicious & Delicious	1	4	0	2
11	I'd Hit That	1	7	0	2
12	1 Hit Wonders	0	1	0	0
13	Hot Shots	0	3	0	0

Softball - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Hit It & Quit It	1	1	0	8
2	Hairy Beavers	2	1	0	4
3	TDMP	2	1	0	4
4	Do Your Job	3	2	0	6
5	Built Dads	2	2	0	4
6	Bad News Bears	1	4	0	2
7	The 4th Base Bullies	1	5	0	2
8	Mon Dimes	0	0	0	0
9	Baagerz	1	1	0	2
10	1 Hit Wonders	0	0	0	0
11	Hit It, Don't Quit It	0	2	0	0
12	Hot Shots	0	1	0	0
13	Vicions & Delicious	0	2	0	0

Oilers win NHL draft lottery, McDavid selection expected

The Edmonton Oilers won the draft lottery for the fourth time in the past six years. The team is expected to select Connor McDavid, a once-in-a-generation talent, of the World Hockey Association's Erie Otters to rebuild the team.

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

For the fourth time in the last six years, the Edmonton Oilers will be selecting first overall in the NHL Draft. Finally, we could see an Oiler postseason run, with the amount of talent they'll have, it would be a shock to see them not in the playoffs come next season.

Buffalo will pick second, and they have a talented player waiting for them there in Jack Eichel. This year's Hobey Baker award winner from Boston University will most likely be a Sabre by the end of the draft. He is one talented player who could easily be the spark that Buffalo needs to turn their franchise around.

When you have a one percent chance to get the first overall selection in the NHL Draft Lottery, you know your chances are bleak. That's what happens when you miss the playoffs by a point. The Bruins will select fourteenth overall in the coming draft and have a few different options.

Their first option is Mathew Barzal, the number 11-ranked prospect. Barzal comes from the Seattle Thunderbirds out of the WHL. He is a talented skater that could possibly fit into the Boston system in the coming years.

He has great vision, puck skills, playmaking ability, and was the top center for Seattle. He could go earlier, but could be the one landing in Boston.

Another player the Bruins could take is Travis Konecny, a skilled undersized center from the Ottawa 67s of the OHL. Konecny is a player who is a threat in any zone, but his size is something that may make teams shy away.

However, this guy is not afraid to get in the dirty areas and lay a hit or two on his opponents. He is molded like a Sean Monahan or a Logan Couture, and those guys are making names for themselves today.

The next possible pick is Nick Merkley, a center from the Kelowna Rockets. Merkley has the skills to be a top forward in the game based off his work ethic and his eye for the game.

He had 90 points in 72 games last season and there is still great room for improvement in his game. That in my opinion makes him a key guy, and if he can be pushed a little harder, he is definitely worth the selection.

My last option for the Bruins is a trade. Teams who may like the position the Bruins are in are Florida, Toronto and Ottawa. Thought they are division rivals, the three aren't afraid to do business with Boston.

Toronto and Boston have been known to make trades around the time of the draft, so a Joffrey Lupul or Nazem Kadri move to Boston could be in the works for that 14th pick.

Cam Neely, his new GM, whether it be Don Sweeney or Ray Shero, and Claude Julien have multiple options with this selection. They could take one of these three prospects or make a move. They could even take someone else that I haven't listed.

If you look at the past few drafts, we have landed names like Dougie Hamilton, David Pastrnak and Malcolm Subban, three guys who are pretty good to say the least.

Maybe the Bruins will find another diamond at number 14 this year.

Young Celtics gain playoff experience against finals favorites

Tim Jaroche
Voice Reporter

The regular season wasn't enough for this youthful Celtics team. They wanted more, and they sure got more. Arriving in the NBA playoffs as the seventh seed in the East, the Celtics are faced with second seed Cleveland Cavaliers in a very one-sided matchup.

Although the newly revamped Cavaliers are the number two seed, they are the favorite to go to the finals from the Eastern Conference. With the likes of LeBron James and Kyrie Irving, it's not easy to pick against them.

Unlike the Cavaliers, the Celtics are a cast of youthful players with an average age of 24, who know their roles and have to work as a team to overcome other team's big name talent.

Clearly the Celtics aren't the favorite to move on to the second round with Cleveland in their way. With that said, making the playoffs and gaining experience is the real take away from these playoffs. I'm not saying they don't have a chance to win - with the things Boston teams have accomplished in the past, I wouldn't rule out an unlikely scenario from occurring.

Isaiah Thomas has rejuvenated the Celtics' season since his acquisition. The team currently sits at a 2-0 deficit against the Cleveland Cavaliers, the favorite to win the NBA title as the series comes back to the Garden.

The Cavaliers will be a tough test for any team they play on their way to the NBA Finals in the coming seasons, as long as LeBron stays put. Getting a feel for the playoffs this year, and how the Cavaliers play, is beneficial for the Celtics, even if they don't advance.

Aside from Brandon Bass, who's in his tenth year in the league, the Celtics players who see the most minutes have all played for five seasons and less. The amount of youth on this Celtics team shows great potential for the upcoming seasons.

In the 2015 NBA Draft, the Celtics will have two first-round picks and three second-round picks. The way the past two years' drafts have worked out under Brad Stevens, the Celtics can add some serious depth to the team. Another thing to watch out for in the offseason would be a trade of multiple draft picks for a more high profile player.

I like where the Celtics are right now with their youth and energy, and if this team stays together, they will be dangerous in the future. As we're seeing with the success of the Hawks this year, a team with chemistry can go a long way.

Next I'd like to touch on the importance of acquiring Isaiah Thomas from Phoenix. From Feb. 22 on, Thomas shot more free throws than anyone on the Celtics who played the duration of the season. This speaks to Thomas' aggressive nature as a scorer, which was exactly what the Celtics needed.

Thomas has been largely effective in pushing the Celtics into the playoffs and against Cleveland so far has drawn their most skilled defenders. In his fourth season, there's a lot of time for Thomas to gel with this Celtics team, and I for one hope he sticks around.

Down 0-2 in the series, the Celtics are going back to Boston for Game Three on Thursday night. As I said earlier, it's never a good idea to count any Boston team out.

As the wise and prophetic Kevin Millar said prior to Game Four of the ALCS in 2004, "Don't let us win tonight". If Cleveland does who knows what can happen. In the case the Celtics don't move on, fans still have the future to look forward to, for it will be bright.

Go Celtics, and don't let them win on Thursday night, Cleveland.

Who's In The Huddle

Aaron Hernandez may have finished his football career as one of the best tight ends of all time, but the people closest to him had no idea of who he really was

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Aaron Hernandez will almost certainly never play football in the NFL again after his arrest and allegations. While his talent on the field is phenomenal and worthy of an NFL contract, his off the field issues cannot be ignored. He may or may not live the rest of his life out behind bars, but he will certainly never wear pads again.

Jon Rebmann
Sports Editor

Last Wednesday, former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez was indicted for first-degree murder in the killing of semi-professional football player Odin Lloyd in June 2013. Although Hernandez will spend the rest of his life in prison, it's safe to say that he was inevitably going to remain behind bars, one way or the other.

Hernandez was one of the best tight end prospects in the country at the time of his signing with the University of Florida. However, Hernandez ran into trouble early on after getting into an altercation outside of a Gainesville bar shortly after arriving on campus. Hernandez did not face felony charges, though, opting for a deferred prosecution agreement instead.

Shortly thereafter, Hernandez again faced trouble with the law after a shooting in Gainesville. Although Hernandez was never proved to be involved in the shooting, the three victims claimed a man similar to Hernandez's build fired at them while they were stopped at a stoplight. Following his arrest, Hernandez refused to cooperate with authorities and escaped charges due to limited evidence and his young age.

Despite his previous off-the-field issues and his admittance to failing multiple drug tests in his three years at Florida, Hernandez's record on the-field was immaculate, including All-American and John Mackey Award honors. Because of this, the New England Patriots drafted Hernandez in the fourth round of the 2010 NFL Draft, although it was made very evident that Hernandez would need to behave to remain with the team.

> "It seems that no matter where he was, Hernandez always found himself on the wrong side of the law. Maybe these programs tried to address these issues numerous times, but Hernandez was unwilling to change."

Hernandez's success with the Patriots was immediate. After being the youngest person on an NFL roster in 2010, Hernandez shined in his rookie season, earning 45 receptions for 563 yards and six touchdowns. That year, en route to an AFC Championship, Hernandez earned 79 receptions for 910 yards and seven touchdowns.

However, shortly after finding his success in the NFL, Hernandez soon again found himself in more trouble. Although he would not be indicted for two more years, Hernandez would allegedly commit his first murders of Daniel Jorge Correia de Abreu and Safiro Teixeira Furtado in July 2012.

Less than a year later, Hernandez was sued following an altercation outside a Miami nightclub in which a man lost his left eye after being shot by Hernandez. This case was originally dropped, however it was refiled shortly thereafter and postponed until after his murder trial.

Less than a week later, Hernandez would commit his murder against Odin Lloyd in June 2013. However, with his past history and run-ins with the law, it was inevitable that his luck would run out.

Perhaps his misconduct and behavior can be blamed on the University of Florida and their staff. According to a 2013 report by CBS, since 2005, 44 felony arrests have been made on Florida football players. It's obvious to say that there is a gross misconduct in the way that these programs not only monitor their players, but monitor their program as a whole, and letting them get away with these felonies and violations that damage the reputation of the school and the futures of their players.

Maybe it's the Patriot's fault in the fact that they failed to properly adhere to their strict policies on Hernandez.

Perhaps they let a few things here and there slide, which then caused further escalation, but either way they failed to monitor Hernandez's behavior properly, and it was because of this that the Patriots partially suffered as a result.

Or maybe, Hernandez is entirely at fault. It seems that no matter where he was, Hernandez always found himself on the wrong side of the law. Maybe these programs tried to address these issues numerous times, but Hernandez was unwilling to change.

Either way, although these problems are rare, it's still important that when they do occur, they are addressed. Whether it's the programs or Hernandez or the system to blame, Hernandez's case is a perfect example of when behavioral problems can be detrimental for everyone involved.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 - April 20):
The stars are very disappointed in your grades this semester, Aries. As a punishment, they'll see to it that your summer goes as poorly as your academic performance.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
After that fiasco at your summer job last year, your dollars may be stretched think this season.

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Summer romances are always an enthralling experience. You wouldn't know--but trust me-- they are.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
The position of Jupiter suggests that you hit the gym more frequently before bathing suit season.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
Give a wide berth to all Tauruses with violent tendencies.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
The stars know that travelling the world has always been a dream of yours. However, they discourage you from trekking across Europe alone this summer. On the bright side, you have a whole year to make a friend before next summer!

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Isn't it a bit suspicious that all of your friends' "family vacations" fall on the same week this summer?

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Scorpios love cold, dark climates. Why not spend this summer living in a cave?

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
A substantial demotion is on the horizon for you, Sagittarius. Cancel that mysteriously expensive purchase on Amazon.

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
Capricorns love the heat and hate hydrating. That's a deadly combination, my friend.

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Be very wary of the quality of your town lake water this year, Aquarius.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars are offending by the lack of excitement in your life, Pisces.

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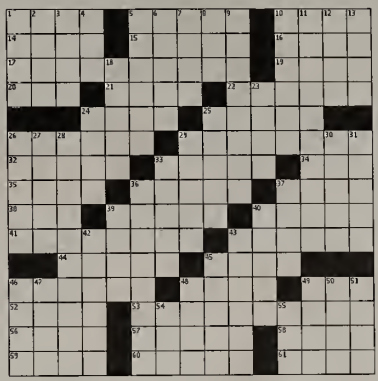

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16. Instruction for the chef
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19. Relating to the ear
20. Tours-to-Nancy dir.
21. It has banks in Bern
22. Extracts
24. Friend in a fray
25. Grind, as one's teeth
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29. Kind of party
32. Some underground pipes
33. Israel's Sharon
34. Tahiti, e.g.
35. Get in on a deal
36. Readies for release
37. Make a short cut?
38. One way to remove a branch
39. Quarry units
40. "The Remains of the Day" star
41. Period of preparation
43. It's not quite a mouthful
44. Haley's chronicle
45. Casual turndown word
46. Sauteed seafood dish
48. Do ablutions
49. Foreman superior, once
52. Napoleonic battle site
53. Engineers' gear, once
56. Worshipper's word
57. Word with egg or old
58. Speckled reddish-brown
59. 100 centesimos, in Chile
60. General's pride
61. Cheep accommodations?

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1. Dating consideration
2. Bit strap
3. Major suffix
4. One X of XXX
5. Happen to
6. Peach State campus
7. They circulated in Rome, once
8. Rankle
9. Meanings
10. Waken
11. Advertising campaign features
12. Jolliet's 1669 discovery
13. Time units, briefly
18. Signs of divinity
23. Willy Wonka's creator
24. Great rating
25. Dogtrot and canter, for two
26. Word with talk or time
27. Fishing craft
28. Listings of popular songs
29. Grease someone's palm
30. It could be stuffed
31. What like poles do
33. First U.S. vice president
36. Snobs
37. Dusty dry
39. "Hold the phone!"
40. "Three's Company" landlord
42. It was designed to fall
43. Shakers' partners
45. Consumer-advocate Ralph
46. Masher's comeuppance
47. Word with aloog, on or about
48. Capital founded by Pizarro
49. Skin cream additive, perhaps
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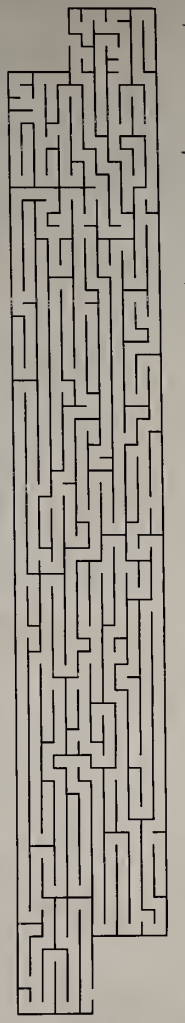

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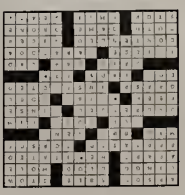

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4/25	12:00p	Baseball v. Mass Maritime	Alumni Field
4/25	12:00p	Softball v. Mass Maritime	Alumni Field
4/25	2:00p	Party on the Green! - Games and Free Novelties!	The Green
4/25	3:00p	Barbecue Dinner— Stops at 7:30p	DC
4/25	7:00p	SPRING WEEKEND! - Ashley Monroe and Joel Crouse	Woodward
4/25	8:00p	The Love Song Of J. Robert Oppenheimer—Tix $3	Ely Theatre
4/25	10:00p	Sodexho Food Truck— open until 2AM! Costs $$	The Green
4/26	2:00p	Rugged Owls Obstacle Course	The Green
4/26	8:00p	Outdoor Movie: "Into The Woods"	The Green
4/27	5:30p	Leadership Voyage: Crucial Confrontations	Ely 044
4/28	4:00p	Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony and Reception	Scanlon Banquet
4/29	12:00p	Be The Match—Bone Marrow Typing Drive: FREE TEST	Parenzo Gym
4/30	4:30p	Safe Zone Night Out	Owl's Nest
5/1	3:30p	Hall-A-Palooza! FREE End of the Year Celebration!	The Green
5/1	8:00p	Comedian: Kiran Doel	Owl's Nest

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The Westfield Voice

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

RELAY FOR LIFE

Westfield raises nearly $40,000 in second annual Relay For Life

Emily Hanshaw
Managing Editor

The 2015 Relay For Life Executive Board joins with the newly elected 2016 board at this year's Relay For Life event. Back Row: Emily Hanshaw, Beth Teague, Samantha Lee, Brenna Ciosius, Micaela Connolly, Olivia Dumas, Chelsea Orfice. Front Row: Andrew Manchino, Amy Bousquet, Libby Patruski, Hannah Eberli, Melissa Higley.

On Friday, April 17 the Westfield State Relay For Life Club held its second annual Relay For Life event in the Woodward Center. Relay For Life is part of a national movement orchestrated by the American Cancer Society.

Overnight walks are held across the country every year to raise money and awareness for cancer research. This year was the second time that a walk has been held on Westfield's campus. Last year, the Westfield State Relay For Life Club was created by seniors Beth Teague and Brenna Ciosius.

Teague and Ciosius had participated in such events in their hometowns and worked hard to bring the event to campus. This year, the Westfield State Relay For Life was held on April 17 from 6 p.m. until April 18 at 7 a.m. The event raised just over $39,000 for cancer research and treatments.

The doors of the Woodward Center opened at 5 p.m. for participants to register, check in, and set up their campsites. Team captains, survivors, and those who had fundraised received t-shirts. Participants then had an opportunity to enter an hourly raffle with many extraordinary prizes.

Each prize was given away on the hour, with the biggest prizes saved until the final hours.

Participants could also decorate a bag in memory of a loved one that had lost the battle with cancer or of someone who is currently fighting. During the Luminaria ceremony at 9 p.m., the bags lined the track and were lit up with glow sticks.

The Opening Ceremony began at 6 p.m. After everyone was welcomed to the second annual Westfield State Relay For Life, cancer survivors who were present were asked to take the first lap around the track as onlookers applauded.

After the survivors, participants who had been a caregiver for someone with cancer were asked to join in, and finally, everyone took their first lap together and Relay 2015 was underway! The rest of the night was filled with performances by the Dance Company, the AcaOwlettes, the Night Owls, and more.

Participants were able to compete in games throughout the night as well as zumba twice during the night and yoga early in the morning. Everyone who participated had a blast and was proud to have raised nearly $40,000 for cancer research.

The Westfield State Relay For Life Club is very proud of the success of the event and plans are already in the works for next year's Relay.

Join us next spring to help finish the fight against cancer!

Spring Weekend helps students relax

Spring weekend on the green gave students a free and enjoyable weekend before final exams and summer vacation with carnival food, smoothies, picnics, and a bouncy castle.

Andrew Burke
Editor-In-Chief

Spring weekend at Westfield State is a way for students to relax and enjoy each others company before finals and summer vacation.

A multitude of students and faculty took advantage of Spring Weekend on the green that provided fried dough, bungie jumping, and smoothies. It was a laid-back atmosphere as students set up blankets for picnics and socialized with their friends, classmates, and community.

Kan Jam and cornhole games were common to see and easy to join as students took the edge off on a sunny Saturday afternoon. A moon bouce that was sure to gain the attention of students walking around the green resided outside of Lammers and it consistently had the longest line throughout the day.

Tables were also set up encouraging students to sign up for Mr. Westfield 2016 and to donate to the 'Gimme 5' campaign organized by the #SaveTheGlobe team.

Spring Weekend wrapped up with a successful country concert by Mass. native Joel Crouse and Ashley Monroe.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SGA's final meeting of 2015 filled with emotions, heartfelt goodbyes, and planning for the Fall, Spring 2016 semesters

Ryan Caulfield
SGA Correspondent

The final meeting of the Student Government Association was filled with acknowledgements, heartfelt goodhyes, and excitement for next year's SGA. Two amendments were also presented to the SGA again to pass with a three-fourths majority vote from the legislative body.

Rebecca DiVico, president of the SGA, took the podium one last time to make a motion to accept the 2015-2016 election results. The motion passed unanimously.

She then began to say her goodhye speech, pausing in and out while trying to hold back her tears. "Words cannot describe how thankful and happy I feel to have had an opportunity to serve all of you as president," she said. DiVico said she loves the university and the entire organization, especially Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. when SGA is in session.

"I cannot wait to see how all of you continue to lead this school. You are all amazing individuals and I am honored to have worked with you," DiVico said. She finished hy saying Evelyn Dina, legislative secretary, is going to do a great job as president of the SGA next year. Tyler Hastings, commuter council president, said that the entire SGA should be thanking her. All of the senators sent the madame president off with a standing ovation.

Joshua Frank, student trustee, said that the presidential search committee will finish the advertising and joh description for the presidential positon this week. He said the next Board of Trustee meeting will be on June 25 at 3 p.m. in the President's hoard room. Frank also said goodbye to the SGA for the last time, feeling surreal.

"Over the last seven semesters I have spent my Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at SGA," Frank said. He said joining the SGA was the best decision he has ever made and thanked everyone for making him a better leader. Frank also spoke to the underclassmen, "Please take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. There are not many SGAs like this one." He finished by saying that he knows Justin Connolly will do a great joh in his position next year.

Joshua Clark, vice president of student life, wrote a goodhye speech. He said the friendships he has made from all the high and lows of the SGA politics were very important to him. "It is no secret that I am hard to get along with; at times I'm arrogant, pretentious and egctistical. In my view you are not doing it right if everyhody likes you," Clark said.

He tearfully said that he is grateful for all of the friends he has made in his years on Senate, including his closest friends: Ryan Losco, president of the class of 2016, Jon Cubetus, representative of the class of 2017, and Mathew Carlin, vice president of finance. He said Carlin was the hest kind of friend you could have, and that he honestly would not want anyone filling his shoes as vice president of student life other than Carlin. He addressed the underclassmen senators, saying, "You guys are the pillars of our executive council, I have never worked with such dedicated people in all of my time at this university. Knowing that you all will he taking the reigns next year makes me more comfortable leaving this place."

Justin Connolly said that the "Gimme 5" campaign to raise money for replacing the globe raised $821.91 as of the start of the SGA meeting. He said money from the Dining Commons had not been collected on Tuesday, so he expects the final numher to he a little higher.

Oliva Dumas, vice president of academic life, said she had a sentimental report. She said the SGA is such a great group to be a part of and was so lucky to have had the ahility to grow and mature around amazing people and friends. She said good luck to everyone, including her replacement, Jon Cuhetus. "To everyone, finish the semester strong, and long live the student leader," Dumas said.

Daniel Chamberlain, vice president of programming, thanked all the volunteers who helped make Spring Weekend great. He said the comedian, Brown Bag Bingo, and late night pancakes in the packed Scanlon Banquet Hall were all a hit. He also gave congratulations to Haley Batchelder, as she is taking over his position next year.

Matthew Carlin, vice president of finance, thanked all the students for working hard on the Finance Committee. He said he was grateful spending the academic year with all the current senators and personally thanked each and every memher of the executive hoard in helping and mentoring him while heing only a sophomore. "I look forward to coming hack as the vice president of student life," he said.

Andrew Morin, executive secretary, said that 664 students voted with a voting percentage of 14.7 in this year's SGA elections. Morin was happy with the turn out and congratulated all of the winners.

"The love, support, and everything else I receive from the senators in this room keeps me going. Everyone here has heen so kind and patient and when I take a step back from everything we have done in SGA I realize all of our hard work and frustration was worth it," Morin said.

He thanked the class of 2017 for keeping a positive attitude during harsh times this year and is proud to be their president next semester. He also gave praise to Evelyn Dina, saying he would not have survived the year without her support and friendship.

Ashley Delcon, representative-at-large, said that the class of 2017 has gone through four presidents since her time here and is excited to have Morin as her president. "I really hope we stick with you. You're a great guy and I know you will do a

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news from other schools

daily collegian
University of Mass. Amherst

This past Thursday, some students from UMass Amherst gathered for the annual Take Back The Night event to raise awareness for the fight against sexual violence. A performance by a local musical group advocating for women's rights occurred. The Associate Director of Counseling and Rape Crisis Services started the event ten years ago.

daily orange
Syracuse University

During the annual Mayfest and Block Party event this past weekend at Syracuse University, several students were either sent to the hospital or arrested for intoxication. A few others were arrested for disorderly conduct and harassment. Overall, the Department of Public Safety Chief stated that the event went fairly well.

harvard crimson
Harvard University

A recent report shows that administrators, professors, and students are generally unsatisfied with the current state of the General Education program at Harvard University. The Faculty of Arts and Sciences will discuss the report at their upcoming faculty meeting on May 5th.

the daily campus
University of Connecticut

New services are becoming availahle at the University of Connecticut to offer intoxicated party-goers a safe, soher ride home. UConn Transportation Services has its own free program in connection to the UConn Police Department. Legislation is in the works to bring hack the GUARD dog ride program.

Professor Bailey's Class Goes Above and Beyond Literary Studies

Monique Desnoyers
Head Copy Editor

As the semester comes to a close I thought it only appropriate to comment on Professor Bailey's Cross-Cultural Literature class and my experience taking it. As I am sure many students know, Professor Bailey is a brilliant professor and postcolonial scholar. However, her class goes above and beyond what I will call, for lack of better word, a "typical" educational experience.

When I first sat in Professor Bailey's class I honestly thought, "How in the world am I going to survive two hours and forty-five minutes of cross-cultural literary studies?" Now, looking back on the semester, I find myself asking, "Why does this class have to end?" As I found out on my last day of class, many of my peers, and even Professor Bailey, felt exactly the same way.

No two classes were the same in Cross-Cultural Literature. I was always excited to come and share my thoughts with my classmates about the pieces we read. Instead of lecturing the class about the works that we read, Professor Bailey let the class take our education into our own hands.

This is one of the biggest ways that she breaks down the walls of a "typical" education.

Many students, when given the freedom, will personalize their educational experience and, in turn, gain more knowledge.

She would ask us, "So what did you think about [whatever piece we read that week]?" Barely a second would go by before someone would speak up because they were bursting with excitement to share their thoughts and hear what others had to say.

We discussed important issues that we felt were portrayed in the literature we consumed and how living in such a diverse, postcolonial world affects everyone.

Professor Bailey would chime in at the perfect moment to give us relevant information and offer her own excellent insight – the class always hanging onto her every word.

Giving us the room to take charge of our education is what allowed me to learn so much in her classroom. The discussions I participated in are something I do not think I will forget anytime soon.

I would be remiss if I did not mention another example of Professor Bailey allowing her students to take their education into their own hands.

A few classes before the end of the semester, we came up with the idea to further educate one another by bringing in food that exposed everyone to our own cultures – and of course giving ourselves a reason to eat a delicious meal.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY MONIQUE DESNOYERS

Students brought in food from their own cultures as a way of further educating each other in cross-cultural studies. Professor Bailey created a nurturing educational environment by allowing her class to personalize their studies.

While we discussed the different theses that we chose for our final papers, we experienced food from all over the world: Amy Martinez brought in some deliciously prepared pork and even got her mother and husband to pitch in by making rice and beans, flan (a Spanish custard dessert), and polvoronas (Spanish cookies); Saada Deni made hummus from scratch to expose us to food from the Middle East; Professor Bailey participated by bringing in curry chicken, plantains, and authentic Jamaican coffee; Amy Woody brought in mac and cheese while Kelsey Strong brought in chicken salad for some American comfort food; and I, being half Italian, brought in some homemade cannoli.

Not only was it a delicious meal, but we also learned about some of the traditions within these cultures as we were eating. Professor Bailey's class has opened my eyes in so many ways.

I no longer see other cultures as having a "single story," to quote Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a wonderful Nigerian author.

When I asked her how she felt about my opinion that the class went "above and beyond the call of traditional education," Professor Bailey told me that the class was so fulfilling because we were truly engaged in what we were learning.

I think I speak for all my classmates when I say that I have learned so much from not only Professor Bailey and our texts, but also from one another. After all, it is not often that students say, "Can we keep meeting as a class even though the semester is over?"

I highly encourage any student interested in literary or cross-cultural studies to take the class. It will change how you view the world that you live in.

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great job. I hope we get to see you speaking at our Commencement," she said.

Evelyn Dina said she is very excited to see everyone in September as president of the SGA. She thanked everyone on the SGA and hopes to see everyone at the SGA awards ceremony next Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Banquet Hall.

Sara Palis, parliamentarian, brought the two amendments that Connolly proposed last week. "General Legislature Positions," is the new title in the SGA constitution that Connolly created in order to place rules for a representative-at-large. He wrote descriptions of what this position, community relations and fundraising representative, does as well as made a committee out of it.

Both amendments passed unanimously.

Richard Darrach, president of the class of 2015, said the filming for the Commencement video is this week. He then went on to thank everyone for a fantastic four years at Westfield State. "When I first came up to this podium four years ago," he said, "I was an awkward first year, a lot of things have changed since then and now I am an awkward senior." Everyone in the room erupted in laughter.

He said that he is proud of everything that the class of 2015 has done throughout their time at this university. "Something is going to be missing from me every Tuesday night at 5:30. I felt it over winter and summer break and now it is going to be a void I will try to fill for the rest of my life," Darrach said.

As another year ends for the senators of the Westfield State University Student Government Association, something new begins. The SGA never says goodbye to its student body that it serves around the clock. The senators may change, but the mission and spirit of the SGA is always constant and active for all who happily call Westfield State their home.

The next meeting of the Student Government Association will be Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Peter D. Mazza Student Government Room on the garden level of the Ely Campus Center next to Dunkin' Donuts.

Westfield State hopes to 'Be the Match' with bone marrow typing drive held in Parenzo Gym

From Press Release

Westfield State University hosted a bone marrow typing drive on Wednesday, April 29 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Parenzo Hall Gymnasium.

Class of 2015 student Lauren Monsiegneur organized the drive, along with the help of Health Services staff member Patricia Berube.

After a close family friend of Monsiegneur was diagnosed with leukemia, her mother ran a bone marrow typing drive for the friend's family in her hometown of Windsor, Mass. The drive was sponsored by the "Be the Match" registry and campaign. Monsiegneur was so inspired by "Be the Match" and her mother's actions that she decided to run a donor typing drive for the Westfield State community.

"As soon as I found out someone from my hometown was in need of a bone marrow transplant, I wanted to do whatever I could to help," said Monsiegneur.

"Be the Match Registry" is a non-profit organization that is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Robert and Sherry Graves founded the organization after their ten-year-old daughter Laura was diagnosed with leukemia. They agreed to try the first-ever bone marrow transplant in 1979, and after it was successful, they made it their mission to help other patients like Laura. Within the first year, NMDP had more than 10,000 people willing to donate. Today, it is the world's largest hematopoietic cell registry, and since its inception in 1986 it has facilitated more than 68,000 transplants.

Every year in the United States, there are 18,000 people between the ages of birth to 74 that could benefit from a bone marrow or umbilical cord transplant. Donors are found based on tissue type and the chances of being a donor are 1 in 540. It only takes between one and five-percent of a donor's bone marrow to save a patient's life.

"We hope to increase awareness of the need to volunteer. There are thousands of patients waiting and hopeful for a bone marrow match to save their lives," said Berube.

A simple cheek swab is required to find out if someone is a possible donor. People must be between the ages of 18 and 44 and be free of hepatitis, heart disease, cancer, chronic lung disease, and diabetes, among other things. Once a donor is matched, he can donate one of two ways: a peripheral blood stem cell donation, or a surgical bone marrow transplant.

"Having the opportunity to work with 'Be the Match' is a great way to involve the community in an effort to save the lives of those suffering from this terrible disease," Monsiegneur said.

Westfield State students dominate shoe drive

From Press Release

When Westfield State student and Circle K member Rebecca Talamini '15 organized the Soles4Souls shoe drive, she hoped students would collect 150 pairs.

Instead, they collected five times that amount. In total, 881 pairs of shoes and 35 single shoes (donated to amputees) were collected.

"The out pouring of community support was overwhelming," Talamini said.

Circle K Club, a Kiwanis-affiliated organization of university students, placed donation boxes around campus, at Paper Mill Elementary School (with help from the K-Kids Club), and at South Middle School.

South Middle School's drive, led by Dianna Stutzhuk, Shaunessey Lambert, and Elise Urbanski, collected 200 pairs for Soles4Souls.

The donations were given to Soles4Souls, a global not-for-profit institution dedicated to fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty.

Soles4Souls advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting new and used shoes and clothing and distributing the donations to people in need.

Some donations are sold to carefully selected micro-enterprise organizations to support ultra-small businesses in countries like Haiti where there are virtually no jobs to generate personal income.

To cut shipping costs, Talamini, a native of East Windsor, Conn., drove six and half hours round trip to bring the shoes to the nearest drop-off location in Franklin, NJ.

Talamini first learned about Soles4Souls at an international conference for Circle K in Nashville. There she learned that the organization was looking for colleges to help contribute to their mission to keep shoes out of landfills around Earth Day.

An environmental science major, Talamini was immediately drawn in.

"As an environmental science major, we study the questions about how to make best use of the earth's resources as well as to examine strategies to prevent unnecessary waste," Talamini said.

"This was an opportunity to take the information we learn in class and apply it to a real-world situation that makes a significant impact."

Westfield state students Morgan Leake, Rebecca Talamini, and Marisa Parmeggiani pose with the collection of shoes from the Soles4Souls drive.

According to Talamini, those who receive the donations greatly benefit from having a new pair of shoes.

"For the kids, having a pair of shoes allows them go to school and helps prevent diseases they might catch if they were barefoot," Talamini said.

Talamini said she feels a sense of pride in her peers for the successful drive.

"Knowing that Westfield State is responsible for preventing the waste sends out a message that the university is becoming more sustainable and going green," Talamini said. "I hope Circle K continues to host a shoe drive to benefit Soles4Souls every year to help out those in need."

The shoe drive is just one example of the university's commitment to civic engagement. This January, Westfield State launched a new initiative called Westfield Engages (WE).

Its goal is to build strong, sustainable partnerships with western Massachusetts communities, and to strengthen service, community commitment, and civic responsibility as central to Westfield State's institutional mission as well as to the experience of each member of the Westfield State community.

An array of civic and service programs that engage students, faculty, staff, and alumni are in place.

For more information, visit http://www.westfield.ma.edu/westfield-engages.

crime log

On April 17, malicious damage to a motor vehicle occurred at 1:20 a.m. in South Lot. A summons was mailed.

On April 17, a liquor law violation occurred at 5:03 p.m. in Landsdowne Place. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 18, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:57 a.m. in Courtney Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 18, a drug law violation occurred at 8:27 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 19, operating under the influence occurred at 4:02 a.m. on Davis Road. An arrest was made.

On April 20, malicious damage occurred at 2:00 a.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case is being investigated.

On April 21, larceny under $200 occurred at 1:37 p.m. in the Dining Commons. The case is being investigated.

On April 25, malicious damage occurred at 2:34 a.m. in Dickinson Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 25, malicious damage occurred at 11:10 a.m. in Parenzo Hall. The case is being investigated.

On April 25, a liquor law violation occurred at 5:04 p.m. on Parenzo Road. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 25, a drug law violation occurred at 10:56 p.m. in Scanlon Hall. The case was referred to Student Conduct.

On April 26, a liquor law violation occurred at 12:25 a.m. in Courtney Hall. An arrest was made.

If you would like to read the crime log, you can find it online at westfield.ma.edu. Click on Departments at the top, locate Public Safety, and then click Crime Log. The Department of Public Safety is required to keep and publish a regularly updated crime log in accordance with the CLERY Act.

SPRING 2015 - DAY DIVISION
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

May 6 - Wednesday
08:00-10:00 Period 5 MWF 12:35
10:10-12:10 Period 7 MWF 02:45/03:10
& W Seminars
12:20-02:20 Period 2 MWF 09:20
02:30-04:30 Period 1 MWF 08:15/07:50

May 7 - Thursday
08:00-10:00 Period 3 TR 11:15
10:10-12:10 Period 4 TR 12:45
12:20-02:20 Period 5 TR 02:15
& R Seminars
02:30-04:30 Make-Ups+

May 8 - Friday
08:00-10:00 Period 3 MWF 10:25
10:10-12:10 Period 4 MWF 11:30
12:20-02:20 Period 6 MWF 01:40
02:30-04:30 Period 8 MWF 03:50
& M Seminars

May 11 - Monday
08:00- 10:00 Period 1 TR 08:15
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& T Seminars
02:30-04:30 Make-Ups+

May 13 - Wednesday
All Senior grades due by noon
May 16 - Saturday
Undergraduate Commencement
May 19 - Tuesday
All other grades due by noon (both divisions)
+Make-up exams offered at instructor's discretion.

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from the voice vault

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Student Senate Elections List Goals

The Student Senate Elections Committee has released the names of student candidates for the upcoming elections. Below are short statements written by the students about themselves and what they wish to accomplish if elected to office. Elections will be held Oct. 22 and 23.

Senate Executive Board

Laura Liberty - candidate for Asst. Treasurer

"I am a student in the Business Dept. with a concentration in accounting since September, I have been acting as Asst. Treasurer, which is the position I am running for. My goals this year are to set up an efficient system of books and payments, and also to establish an effective line of communication between Senate and clubs."

Rep. to Senate

"Although I have no past experience to a position like this, I do have the interest and enthusiasm. I would appreciate it if you would consider me to represent you in Student Senate."

Russell T. Kleber - candidate for Rep. to Senate

"Weekends at Westfield are dull and boring. Week nights are nothing to write home about either. Maybe you can "Make it in Massachusetts" but you are going to have to "Wake it at Westfield." We need more activities up here that is the major plank in my platform. Other planks include student pride and Taxation without Representation. I believe that no vote should be taken that affects student life at anything but an open meeting with the agenda published in advance."

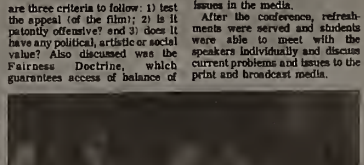
Speak At WSC Conference

Media students at WSC were recently treated to a conference concerning "Ethics and Professionalism in the Media." Guest speakers were Loren Giglione, editor and owner of the Southbridge News; Curtis Hahn, owner of WLDM radio station; Gene Casey, editor of the Westfield Evening News, and Thamae LeMarche, program director of WWLP, Channel 22.

For the first half of the conference, the participants broke up into discussion groups and later returned to a panel discussion. There, students had the opportunity to ask questions of the guests regarding the media on campus.

Obscenity, libel and pornography were some of the topics discussed. Regarding obscenity and pornography in Mass., there are three criteria to follow: 1) test the appeal (of the film); 2) is it patently offensive? and 3) does it have any political, artistic or social value? Also discussed was the Fairness Doctrine, which guarantees access of balance of issues in the media.

After the conference, refreshments were served and students were able to meet with the speakers individually and discuss current problems and issues to the print and broadcast media.



Gene Casey, Tom LeMarche and Curtis Hahn speak to media students. Photo by Liz Howe.

Henning to address graduates, Leonard to receive degree

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compiled by JEANNE JULIAN

John Henning, veteran Boston news anchorman, will address 668 graduates at the 146th Westfield State College commencement Friday, May 24 at the Springfield Civic Center. President Francis J. Pilecki said that Henning "has represented the best in professional journalism for a quarter of a century." He has been nominated to the College Board of Trustees for a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Pilecki has announced that Westfield native Thomas Francis Leonard also has been nominated for an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Leonard will be recognized as "the Commonwealth's presiding spirit of pure amateur sport, for encouraging wholesome vitality in young people and for indefatigable generosity, Pilecki said.

John Henning, currently co-anchor of the noon and evening broadcasts of WBZ-TV Channel 4 Eyewitness News, has worked to Boston television news for over twenty-five years, starting as a documentary journalist and reporter. His career since 1964 has included posts as news anchor at Boston stations WNAC-TV, WCVB-TV, and WHDH-TV. The New York City native holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Peters College in New Jersey and a Master of Science degree to Communications from Boston University's School of Public Communication, where he also taught. Henning serves on the National Board of Directors of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA), and is a former president of the Boston Press Club.

Thomas Leonard, track and marathon runner, co-founded the Falmouth Road Race in 1972-73 as a fund-raiser for the Falmouth Girls Track Club and to promote sports as an alternative to drugs for youngsters. The seven-mile race has since attracted world-class runners. He has personally advised, encouraged, and subsidized hundreds of runners to the Boston Marathon, and has volunteered his expertise at many other running events nationwide including Westfield State's Banacos Road Race. The former Marine, a graduate of Westfield High School, was raised by Frank and Eleanor Terrio of Westfield after spending his childhood under foster care. He is renowned for making Boston's Eliot Lounge a "haven" for runners and other athletes, and making Boston the running capital of the United States.

The College will confer 617 bachelors degrees, 43 graduate degrees, and 8 Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study.

Marathon runner Thomas Leonard will receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree at the May 24th commencement ceremony.

Broadcast journalist John Henning will be a featured speaker at WSC's 1985 commencement on May 24th.

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FAREWELL TO JOSHUA CLARK

Here's To The Future

Former columnist Brady Kerr writes an ode to Editor-in-Chief, Joshua Clark, as a former classmate, co-worker, and friend while he prepares for graduation

Brady Kerr
Columnist Emeritus

I have witnessed something that requires a response in these pages. As a former student leader, former Voice columnist, and now a proud graduate, I feel a distinct obligation to write this letter. What I've seen over the course of four years is that which President Theodore Roosevelt described as the "Man in the Arena." Joshua Clark has embodied this philosophy with triumph and substance.

Clark's impact on our community is lasting and he will be sorely missed upon graduation. I write this letter as a friend and also as an admirer of Joshua's character.

There are three areas that deserve coverage: Mr. Clark's tenure at the newspaper, his time in the Student Government Association (SGA), and our friendship.

About this time two years ago Josh sat by himself in an office – an office that had been bustling with vibrancy and familiarity just a few days earlier. However, when literally everyone in the organization graduated, an air of unfamiliarity descended upon that office. Josh was promoted from his online editing job to Editor-in-Chief. Could he handle the pressure? The workload? The management? Today we know that Josh not only did an admirable job, but he also set an unprecedented example of success for those that will follow in his footsteps.

In my opinion, there could not have been a better person for the job. Of course those of us that know Josh are aware he can think big. With every new idea came a brighter and more grandiose plan. One afternoon he showed up at my apartment with examples of different fonts and explained his philosophy on "jump pages." He was so enthused that I really hoped it would work out for him. As we are aware, some people talk a good talk, but Josh is a man of action. Yet, there was one problem. Josh was alone. He had to assemble a staff and change the very essence of this organization.

Josh had a vision for the paper that was quite similar to that of The New York Times "All the news that fit to print" motto. The Westfield Voice would now be in the business of breaking news stories and holding people accountable and thanks to his leadership that is what The Voice is today.

His very first test was the Evan Dobelle fiasco. There were those that determined our president guilty without considering the facts and there were the more sympathetic admirers, such as myself, who thought it was a witch-hunt. The job was to professionally and ethically cover a story that pulled at the heartstrings. When the regional media establishment began their assault, I know I was not the first person to quit them. Instead, I chose to form my opinion based on the superb investigative journalism exhibited in The Westfield Voice. It was a very stressful time for Josh. He knew that his role was not as propagandist, but as a purveyor of journalistic integrity.

The Westfield Voice is a remarkably different organization than Josh inherited. As someone that wrote for the paper, I can wholeheartedly appreciate the sacrifice Josh made to take it to the next level. Another organization that he fully participated in is the Student Government Association.

Josh Clark is a political animal. It really does come very natural to him. When I heard that he led a group that created a political party on campus, it intrigued me. As those of us that have served in the student government know, an issue can be defeated or approved quite quickly. A body of seventy people is hard to control. However, a party that met together and protected certain interests is a step in the right direction.

I guess my relationship with Josh grew due to our passion for the campus community. I was in my senior year and finding myself wishing I had done more. Second guessing actions I had taken and not really knowing what my work would mean for the future. He was an excitable sophomore that had all of these ideas. Josh likes to say he learned a lot from me during this time. I appreciate the compliment but he was always ready to be a leader. Josh is quite astute in regards to politics and getting things done. He was always willing to sit on a committee and offer his opinion. When a problem is identified, Josh is part of the solution. For those reasons it is no surprise he has been elected to the office of the Vice President of Student Life. I kept telling him to run for president but he would not listen. Josh wanted the job that came with student life. He honed in on issues that mattered to him and that is why he has so much influence when it comes to taking action on campus.

Josh has great relationships with people that are vital to Westfield. He is in constant contact with university leadership and has earned their respect. Over the years we have sometimes taken adversarial tones with the administration. Josh showed that the right policy is one of mutual understanding. There is no better way to gain connectivity than to enlist in each other's causes. Westfield has always been great. It was when I got there in 2009, but its even better today. I sincerely believe that a decent chunk of the credit goes to Mr. Clark. When I come back to visit, it is always a pleasure to be here. The Student Government office is filled with positive energy and a spirit of collaboration. I read The Voice each week and see a whole page filled with the wonderful work that comes out of student government.

If you consider that Josh was a lowly hall representative from Courtney hall just two years ago, his rise to the top is astonishing. Two years later and he graduates as a successful editor of the newspaper and a member of the Student Government Association Executive Board. It just goes to show that hard work and focus matter. This is also a profile in courage. Josh is not afraid to stand up for something he believes in. Even if that means he is alone. He does not just go along to get along. We need more people that are willing to put themselves out on a limb in the name of public service. Josh is an exemplary leader and his dedication to this campus earns him our deep an abiding respect.

.Most important to me is our friendship. A guy couldn't ask for a better friend. The final months of my college career were a particularly difficult period in my life. My law school dreams were put on hold because I could not afford it. My time at Westfield was ending and I did not know what to do. At the same time, I published a letter in this paper that caused great controversy. Friends and people I thought were friends turned on me. I went from a place of significance to that of an afterthought. Political suicide is what my roommate called it. The stresses of life crept in and I fell into depression. I did not want to leave my apartment because I was safe there. The sun was shining outside, but I was wallowing in my own fear. I've never liked disappointing people and I felt like a huge failure.

Joshua Clark was at my apartment every day. He supported me in a moment when I really truly needed it the most. Because of him I could not stay locked away indoors until graduation. Josh encouraged me to do things with him and to be strong. Josh defended me against those that sought to disparage. Even though my brand was toxic, he wasn't afraid to call me a friend. We went to lunch, played golf, and talked politics at Starbucks. I did not want to do any of these things. It was easier to stay inside and avoid people, but he got me out and encouraged me to enjoy myself.

I will never forget his selfless and gracious dedication to me when I needed it. If you have never experienced a panic attack, I hope you never do. I had one while we were getting ready to go to an event at Stanley Park. It was intense and scared me into wanting to stay on campus. I felt impending doom as my breathing sped up and my heart raced. I was sitting at my desk and Josh put his hand on my shoulder and told me to relax. He said, "We are not leaving until you feel better. I don't care if I'm late. Relax and take deep breaths." I was motivated by not wanting to disappoint him. A few minutes later I was better and we were walking to the park.

Events like these are what shape a man's character. Josh Clark is one of the best individuals I have ever met. He cares for the needs of others and always has the time to listen. I know that Josh is always a phone call or email away, but what he should know is that I would do just about anything for him.

Josh, your friendship means the world to me. My lovely girlfriend Lindsay has said that we have a "bro-mance." Now, I do not know what that entails, but what I do know is that I always live in anticipation for our next reunion. As you prepare to graduate I want you to remember to take the time and appreciate your accomplishments. Get a cigar, maybe even some good wine, and bask in the glory of your own thoughts. I bet you will instantly be overwhelmed with memories of laughter, walks across the green, and moments of courage in the senate. I do not know what you will be thinking about. I can only hope at least one of those memories concerns me; hopefully just not the time I wore that ugly blue suit to the Republican Senate Debate. Wherever you end up in life, I am praying that it will be a big white house, with an oval shaped office.

I feel emotional as I end this letter. It reminds me of how lucky I am to have you as a friend. Words cannot describe my admiration for everything you have accomplished at Westfield State. You are a man that has stood in the arena of life and persevered through its challenges. Josh, you were never afraid of failure. You have the battle scars to prove it. You did more in four years than some people do in a lifetime. For that I am proud to be your friend. God bless you and never forget that I am always in your corner. Good times or bad, you can count on me.

A Fond Farewell

Editor-in-Chief Joshua Clark says goodbye to the office and staff of The Westfield Voice

Joshua Clark
Editor Emeritus

It is said that all good things must come to an end. My time as Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper ended last Wednesday with the publication of Issue 26 of this year's volume.

To say that I was a little nostalgic would be an accurate statement.

This newspaper has been the backbone to my four years at this university and I would not change that for a second.

I was first introduced to The Westfield Voice on Accepted Students Day 2011. My mother asked the tour guide if Westfield State University published a yearbook.

At the time, I was nearing the end of my tenure as the Editor-in-Chief of Memini 2011, the yearbook at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

When the tour guide said that the university did not have a yearbook, my mother was a little disappointed, but also a little relieved when the guide said that there was a newspaper.

That tour guide was Alexandra Myers, who was one of my two predecessors in this position.

When I arrived in the fall, I made sure to email the editors and let them know my intention to write. My first article about the solar panels that were installed atop Bates and Wilson Halls made it to page two, which was better than I expected.

In November of that year, when I was called to the newspaper office to have a chat with the editors, I was a little confused.

This, as I have written in this newspaper before, was the night that I was asked to go to the International Media Conference in Paris and to take the helm of the newspaper once Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers would say farewell to this university as I am doing now.

I was nervous but excited upon taking over this newspaper.

At the time I wrote, "Coming back from the cookout, I am ever cognizant of the everlasting impact that Samantha and Alex have made toward making this newspaper great. I look forward to carrying on in their very large footsteps."

Reading those words now provides me with very interesting context as to how that first week went. As was tradition, Samantha and Alex, as well as Rob Donoghue, managing editor, and Kylie Coffey, news editor, were not "allowed" to be a part of production.

I did not have nearly the size staff that we do now, so putting together the 16-page May 3, 2013 edition of The Westfield Voice was definitely a challenge.

One takeaway from that week was the need to always have a backup plan and to have your head on a swivel.

Nothing in my previous two years of working for The Westfield Voice and acting as its first online managing editor prepared me for the storm that was looming for the summertime.

Upon hearing the news of Evan Dobelle's financial fiasco, I was immediately overwhelmed with nervousness and disbelief that a man whom I respected and revered would be caught in a scandal such as this.

I thought, "How in the world am I supposed to be able to report this? How do I stay objective when I am reporting something bad about a person who I believe to be good?

How do you stay friendly with people on this campus who by-and-large disagree with what you are printing?"

These questions were answered as the fall semester unfolded and the spring semester started.

Meetings with campus administrators, reading the related documents, interviews with students, and boiling down the subjectivity of the local media was the substance of our reporting on the Dobelle scandal.

It was an employment of the Walter Cronkite method of journalism: Who, what, when, where, but never the why.

Although I was a Dobelle backer in the beginning of the year, in hindsight, I believe we did a good job remaining objective and keeping opinion out of the first five pages. The "From the Editor's Desk" columns became the stuff of legend, according to those who were glued to The Voice during last year. Full-page editorials called out and defended Dobelle, often in the same article.

My favorite line of all time from last year was, "It is hard to believe that The New York Times would have sold The Boston Globe if it were selling papers." The point being that The Times would have hung onto The Globe if they did not have to rely on sensationalist reporting and yellow journalism to sell copies.

By October, however, the pressure of remaining objective with such an important university figure was beginning to become too much. Suffering from fatigue from the long hours in the office and facing the fact that homework was not going to do itself, I trusted the main reporting on the scandal to our Assistant Managing Editor, Matthew Carlin.

Although the scandal is not anywhere near completion, we can take solace in knowing that coverage of the scandal will be done by someone who believes in objectivity down to his core.

There are a few people who I would like to thank for making my two years as Editor-in-Chief special.

First, I would like to thank Andrew Burke. Burke was my co-editor this year and has taken the reins for this week's issue per tradition.

A man of few words and many laughs, Burke has become one of my good friends from the newspaper. As he is studying to be a journalist, I know the newspaper will reach new heights of journalistic integrity. His contagious laughter and constant fooling around will be something I will miss in the beginning parts of my weeks in the fall.

The next two people I would like to thank are Samantha Fahey and Alex Myers. Although it is unlikely that they will read this, I have to say that it has been a true honor and privilege to act as their successor for the past two years.

I have never had more fun and worked harder as I have for this newspaper. There is a lot of blood, sweat, and tears that I have shed for this newspaper, and I think that it is only fair to thank Samantha and Alex for making that possible. I would never have been able to do it without them.

I would like to thank our faculty advisors Glen Brewster and George Layng. I have gotten to know these two professors of English very well over the course of my time as an editor, which goes back to my first-year as the online managing editor. Their commitment and dedication to The Westfield Voice is unparalleled.

They are the link between all of my predecessors and all of my successors. I thank them for their historical perspective on all of the things that I have tried to do throughout these past two years. Also, thank you to Professor Brewster for that amazing pulled pork recipe. I mean, wow. I hope I can get an invitation to next year's cookout because it is to die for.

I would also like to thank Marsha Marotta and Maddy Cahill. I tell the staff all of the time about people who are "Friends of The Voice." It is almost like a loyalty club at a supermarket. These two have been my behind-the-scenes cheerleaders, telling me when something worked and most certainly when something failed.

Marsha, with our monthly meetings, and Maddy, with her voicemails, have helped me grow as an Editor-in-Chief and gain a wealth of knowledge on how to be a real journalist and not a fake one.

I would now like to thank Matthew Carlin. Matt is my best friend at this university and has been instrumental in shaping my time as the Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper. I have already spoken volumes about Matt at Tuesday's SGA meeting, so I will not regurgitate all of that. I even shed a tear! But, Matt has been there for me when I needed it most, and his friendship is something that I will cherish after Westfield and throughout life.

The same goes for Brady Kerr. We all know now how deeply Brady cherishes our friendship, but I think he underestimates how much he means to me. If Matt is important in shaping my time as editor of this newspaper, Brady is important in shaping my time at this university.

Helping me get involved in Student Government and get over whatever personal issue seemed to be happening in that moment. I know that Brady is no more than a phone call away. I cannot possibly begin to sit down to write 1,800 words about Brady because there are so many places to start, and it would end up being easily double that.

Lastly, I would like to thank the editorial staff for all of their hard work.

It is not easy to commit yourself to twenty or so hours every week with the same six or seven people. Eventually, we are going to get on each other's nerves and get into quarrels that mean nothing.

Over the course of these past two years, The Westfield Voice editorial staff has become a family. This is the one thing that I will miss the most as I transition away from this place. What am I going to do with myself Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights? That is a good question.

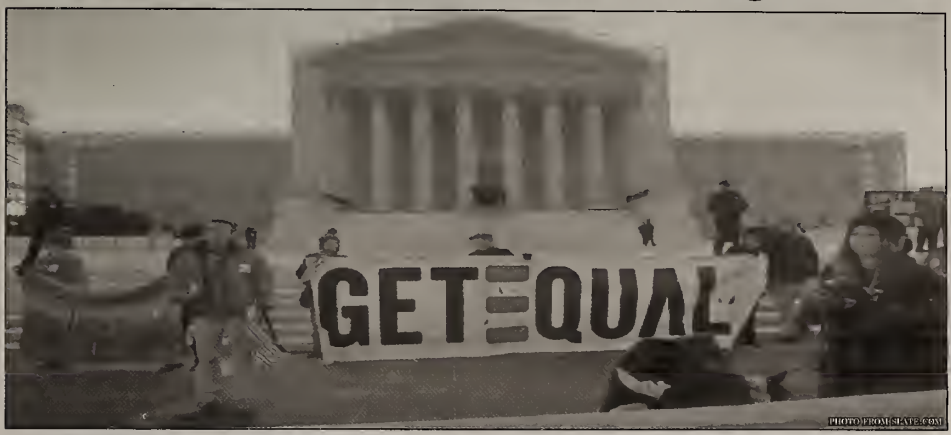
I wish next year's editorial staff the best of luck and look forward to what will come out of Ely 305. I will be reading every week.

RACE RUGH, Editor

opinions & editorials

CONSERVATIVE VIEW

Supreme Court hears arguments on gay rights in favor of abolishing anti-marriage laws



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Matthew Carlin
Asst. Managing Editor

This past week has been hectic in our nation's long history. There have been riots in New York and Baltimore, and states are attempting to limit NSA operations within their borders.

Something that may not have been as loud in the news is that the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) is hearing arguments concerning gay marriage and states' abilities to prevent them.

Per usual, there seems to be a direct split between ideological camps within the court, with the more conservative justices like Justice Scalia and Justice Alito aggressively questioning those challenging the marriage bans through oral arguments.

The main point to take away can be summarized as simply a question of "who should do it?" as Justice Samuel Alito put it.

It is not a case of whether or not there should be same-sex marriages, but a matter of who should decide it. Though not a completely hostile statement, Alito was joined by Scalia and other conservatives who questioned the intentions of the challenges. Chief Justice Roberts told a lawyer in favor of the opposing argument that "You don't want to join the institution, but rather you want to change it."

It seems that Justice Kennedy will, yet again, become a key voter in this court case. Kennedy has kept everyone on the edge of their seats by going back and forth on leading questions and challenging both sides of the argument. "This definition has been with us for millennia, and it's very difficult for the court to say: 'Oh, well, we know better,'" said Kennedy.

Now, I personally do not have any idea how the Supreme Court is going to react or decide on this controversial issue. By the look of the arguments, this is just a very small step in what will be a long project where the court will deliberate a federal decision on the ban of gay marriage in parts of the country. It is a very tough decision for me, and I do not envy the court that has to choose.

That being said, I can see both sides of the argument. Scalia believes it is up to the states individually to decide their stance on same-sex marriages, though it is not entirely logical for every state to have different standards and/or deny an individual certain rights that may be guaranteed in a neighboring state.

In this case, I think the court will side with the challengers and rule that bans on same-sex marriages are unconstitutional. They will likely side with the Obama Administration's 14th Amendment defense.

Michigan's assistant attorney general, John Bursh, argued that maintaining the current practice of state-by-state jurisdiction for same-sex marriage revolved around the state's constitutional rights to individually dictate any rights expressed explicitly in the constitution.

He argued in the court that the institution of marriage has long been defined by society, and the Supreme Court has no jurisdictional right to intervene in what is "clearly" a state issue. He stated that the issue of rights and liberties is not involved since marriage laws were never designed to give or take any rights and liberties from anyone. Therefore, he said, it should not be treated as such.

James Esseks makes a case for the institution of same-sex marriages by defining the institution of marriage as a concept to protect the freedom of individuals devoting themselves to each another.

The Constitution clearly protects the right for every American to marry, and that right should not be taken away from gay people. His main argument is to prove that these different marriage laws are the definition of unconstitutional because they deny a fundamental right to a specific demographic.

He also goes as far as showcasing that individual states who do not agree on the institution of same-sex marriage provide a disservice and cross legal boundaries when they do not recognize same-sex marriages made in pro-same-sex marriage states.

Once a couple is married, their license is for life, except in the case of a legal divorce. The government, especially the state government, does not hold the right or privilege to annul a marriage or force a couple to divorce.

After hearing both these arguments, I will be going against most conservatives by saying that I side with Esseks. Same-sex marriage should be protected by the constitution. It should be a right for any individual to marry whomever they choose as long as both parties consent.

LADIES LIFESTYLE

Ipsy bag review: five products worth trying

Gina Muller
Layout & Design Editor

PHOTO TAKEN BY GINA MULLER

Theorie Argan Oil Ultimate Reform Hair Serum: Out of all the products in this month's bag, this one smells the best.

Unlike other argon oils, this one has a pleasant floral smell and reminds me of Lilly of The Valley. There is a twist off cap and a small opening where the product comes out.

You need to tap on the bottle to get the product out onto your hand. This is good because it is a spill proof cap, so you will never waste too much of the product.

I like how this is a hair serum because it helps control frizzy hair and gives your hair shine and style. My hair is already somewhat oily so I do not need much of this product.

However, if you have dry or damaged hair, this product is great to condition your hair and make it soft and shiny.

Hikari blush in Tango: At first glance, the color of this blush seems a bit bold. It is a bright, hot pink and very pigmented. However, after I applied it to my cheeks, I was pleasantly surprised to find it was not as bright as I had imagined.

You do need to be careful not to put too much on the brush because you might end up looking like a doll with bright, pink cheeks.

One small flaw I noticed with this product was that the packaging was slightly bulky. There is a lot of space when the box closed, and this can be a nuisance when trying to pack it in a travel case.

Mullein & Sparrow tinted Lip and Cheek Balm: Even though this product is all natural, – and I love all natural products – it is my least favorite product in this month's bag. It claims to be a "tinted" lip and cheek balm, but there is little to no color payoff. It works well as a lip moisturizer, but that is about it.

It also smells like a Tootsie Roll, which may seem like a good thing, but I do not want to have that smell and taste in a lip balm.

Malley Eyeliner in Shimmering Black: This product is very pigmented and easy to apply. It has a smooth application and there are small bits of shimmer. The only vice this product has is it is almost too smooth.

When I was applying the eyeliner, the tip of the pencil broke off. I was not pressing very hard and it just fell off. Eyeliners are supposed to be smooth and easy to apply; however, this one was almost too soft. Other than that I think this is great eyeliner and would recommend it.

The Balm Mini Nude Eyeshadow: This is my favorite product in this month's Ipsy bag by far. It is the perfect neutral color and very pigmented. It is a chestnut-brown color with bits of gold shimmer.

There is a gold hue to the shadow, which gives it the appearance of having different layers.

The shadow therefore has multiple dimensions, which is good if you are looking for a shadow that has more depth than a matte shadow.

The color lasts all day and does not come off easily.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What is a protest? The Merriam-Webster Dictionary describes it as "an event at which people gather together to show strong disapproval about something." Purely why that definition, that is exactly what the Westfield State University campus experienced on Wednesday evening. Students walked, held signs, and banded together to voice their opinions and concerns about the recent incidents in Ferguson and Baltimore. However, to me, it meant something completely different.

It was an obnoxious distraction. It interfered with daily life. It was a violation of the Student Handbook. The crowd of students barraging through the Dining Commons and bellowing controversial opinions throughout the campus paid little attention to the negative effects of their acts on the rest of the community. And even if they did, that just furthers their ignorance and disrespect for our community.

Even though the practice of assigning final exams at the end of semesters has slowly died out in the past few years, there are still conventional professors that insist on using them.

With those conventional professors and classes come students who have to dedicate their time and efforts to studying for exams that could make or break the grades they have worked toward for fifteen weeks. These grades could make the difference of whether or not a student makes the Dean's list, adheres to their academic probation guidelines, or even maintains their eligibility to stay at Westfield.

In an effort to make the community more conducive to studying habits, departments around campus, such as Residential Life, have implemented guidelines to reduce noise, stress, and other negative attitudes. When screams and chants can be heard from the most interior room of a residence hall all the way from the campus green, these policies are being disrespected.

The Dining Commons is a traditional college place to eat, converse with friends, and most importantly, unwind from the day in the life of a college student. To end the day with a crowd of people screaming beside your plate is quite annoying to say the least. I have deep respect for the non-protestors who refrained from physically attacking the crowd that made their ears bleed during their meal.

Student Conduct Regulation #1 states that it is a violation if a student is found "disrupt[ting] teaching, learning, research, administration, residence hall living environment, student conduct activities, or other related support activities that are recognized as necessary to the lawful mission of the University."

Now, Mr. Editor, I challenge you to tell me how what I have stated above does not violate some, if not every, aspect of this regulation.

With this letter, I am calling to the administration of this university to pursue the violations of the handbook that occurred Wednesday evening by these protestors as you would with any other violation. If no action is taken, you are not fulfilling your duty to Westfield State University, the state of Massachusetts, and, most importantly, the students.

Truly and Sincerely,

The Justice Seeker

from the editor's desk

Andrew Burke
Editor-in-Chief

Tradition at The Westfield Voice is that the Editor-in-Chief-to-be takes full control of the final issue of the year before they assume the coveted position.

The incumbent relinquishes his/her responsibilities for the final days before his/her commencement and looks at the habitual processes that have become so commonplace through weary and relieved eyes.

I am honored that Josh Clark put his faith in me to carry on as the head honcho of this organization and thankful for all of the things that he has taught me along the way.

Josh and I have had a unique and memorable friendship for the past two years, and I am saddened to see him go.

I know that he will continue to be active in and around Westfield State as he continues on his journeys, and he certainly has made his mark on this campus for the past four years.

He and the rest of the ever-changing editorial staff have all helped to create a weekly production that we in the office and the campus as a whole can be proud to print and read.

Our advisors, Professors George Layng and Glenn Brewster, have also been phenomenal mentors and consultants as we have both succeeded and faced difficulties along the past two years.

They are always available as facilitators when needed and allow us to keep The Voice completely student-centered.

It would be impossible to create our edition of The Voice each week without the editorial staff, writers, and Westfield State faculty.

I would thank each person individually, but this editorial would fill up the entire page. I will however acknowledge the seniors that will be graduating on May 16.

I would like to thank Jon Rehmann for his dedication and hard work with our sports section.

He was only the Sports Editor for a short amount of time but created an exceptional family tree of writers and contributors that made the sports section stand out each week.

Josh Frank has been an excellent advertising manager despite all of the other obligations he has around Westfield State.

Whether it be The Voice, Student Government, or classes, Josh always puts his best foot forward, and I wish him the best.

Jaclyn Parker has been an outstanding Copy Editor for the past two years, as well. She has continued to be an active participant while also competing in dance competitions, and I know that she will succeed in whatever she attempts to do in the future.

I am excited and nervous but also confident as I take over this newspaper because of the people around me as well as the support we give one another.

My freshman and sophomore years at Westfield State University are complete, and I know that my junior and senior years will only be better.

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Writers may also visit the office in the Ely Campus Center, room 306 during office hours or by appointment.

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Well Wishes for Graduating Seniors from our Advisors Professor George Layng and Glenn Brewster

Congratulations to Joshua Clark, Jon Rebmann, and Jaclyn Parker for their dedicated and exemplary work these past few years for The Westfield Voice. They have successfully carried on the paper's tradition of serving the campus, and I have no doubt that their work for the Voice has prepared them for future success.

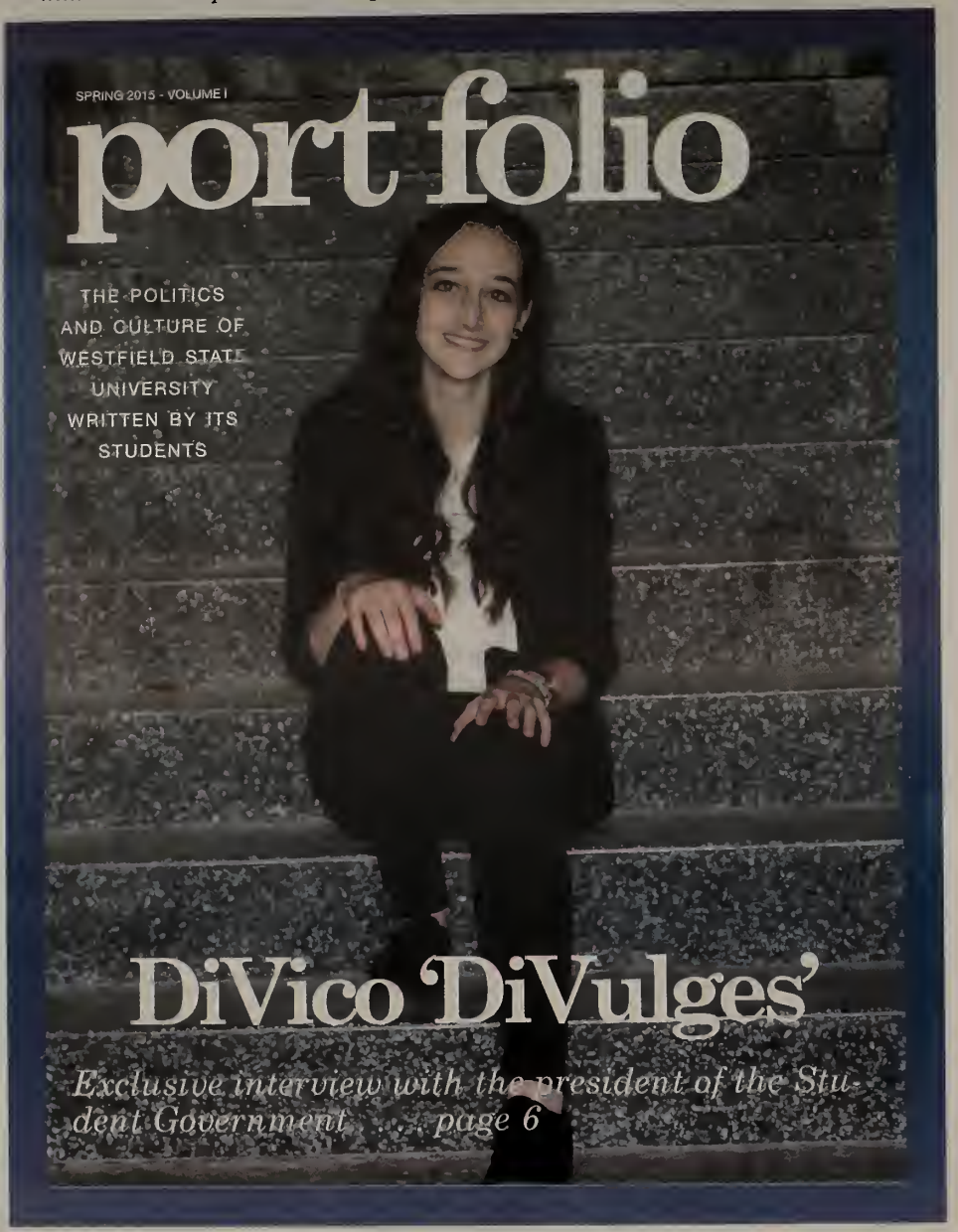
Sincerely,
George Layng

I did not get a chance to get to know Jaclyn Parker and Jon Rebmann, but I wish them well in their future careers and thank them for their service to The Westfield Voice.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Editor-In-Chief Josh Clark fairly well over the last several years, and admire and will miss his unique personality, his great interest in all things Westfield State, and his evident love for and devotion to The Westfield Voice. He has been one of the most dedicated and hard-working editors in a long line of good ones, and he will be long remembered in the annals of the student newspaper. I expect to hear great things from him in the future.

Best,
Glenn Brewster

We at the Westfield Voice have created our inaugural campus magazine that is set for release next week. We hope to create unique coverage and buzz around our beautiful campus.



Student Government Association

SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

664 votes were cast over April 21 and 22, 2015. 14.7% of eligible student voters participated.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

President

Evelyn Dina
Class of 2016
524 votes, 96.5%

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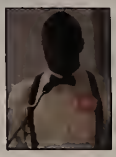
Brandon Trafford
Class of 2017
309 votes, 58.08%



Lezlie B. Campbell
Class of 2017
217 votes, 40.79%

Vice President of Student Life

Matthew Carlin
Class of 2017
510 votes, 96.77%

Vice President of Programming

Haley Batchelder
Class of 2016
387 votes, 69.48%

Lauren Grams
Class of 2017
165 votes, 29.62%

Vice President of Academic Life

Jon Cubetus
Class of 2017
520 votes, 98.67%

Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

Justin Connolly
Class of 2016
463 votes, 82.53%

Andrew Carr
Class of 2016
95 votes, 16.93%

Legislative Secretary

Jacob Lotter
Class of 2018
518 votes, 98.85%

Executive Secretary

Brendan McKee
Class of 2018
515 votes, 98.47%

Student Government Association

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Student Government Association
SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Community Relations and Fundraising Rep.

Marissa Cremin
Class of 2018
398 votes, 74.12%

Albert Fava III
Class of 2016
132 votes, 24.58%

Multicultural Representative

Ivana McGlinchey
Class of 2016
521 votes, 98.67%

Representatives-at-Large

Sara Palis	*375 votes, 69.96%*
Danny Chamberlain	*370 votes, 69.03%*
Ashley Deleon	*353 votes, 65.86%*
Rose Ferraro	*341 votes, 63.62%*
Daniel Pendenza	*325 votes, 60.63%*
Jeremy Forgue	*324 votes, 60.45%*
Jon Kelland	*318 votes, 59.33%*
Christian Capalbo	*310 votes, 57.84%*

Representatives to SGA

Class of 2016

Michael Janchuk	*85 votes, 78.7%*
Samantha Chan	*77 votes, 71.3%*
Emily McKenelley	*73 votes, 67.59%*

Class of 2017

Andrew Manchino	*145 votes, 80.11%*
Morgan Suddeth	*123 votes, 67.96%*
Teresa Aloi	*118 votes, 65.19%*

Class of 2018

Casey Hiltz	*100 votes, 75.19%*
Sharleen Varghese	*91 votes, 68.42%*
Rhynell Christopher	*83 votes, 62.41%*

Class of 2016

President

Ryan Losco
107 votes, 95.54%

Vice President

Sarah Hookalio
112 votes, 96.55%

Treasurer

Tara Saraf
109 votes, 96.46%

Secretary

Nicole Primeau
105 votes, 94.59%

Historian

Sara Palis
105 votes, 97.22%

Publicist

Lakiyah Russell
64 votes, 55.17%

Katherine Bennett
50 votes, 43.1%

Community/Fundraising

Haley Tayeh
76 votes, 62.3%

Shannon Cullinane
44 votes, 36.07%

Class of 2017

President

Andrew Morin
137 votes, 66.18%

Rehana Yusif
69 votes, 33.33%

Vice President

Madison Spillers
137 votes, 67.82%

Rebecca Rickson
63 votes, 31.19%

Treasurer

Carolyn Raneri
182 votes, 99.45%

Secretary

Megan Juchno
183 votes, 99.46%

Historian

Hope Nadeau
183 votes, 99.46%

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Student Government Association

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SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Class of 2017

Publicist

Jasmine Bobbitt
113 votes, 57.07%

Semsarah Faustin
85 votes, 42.93%

Community/Fundraising

Jon Cubetus
121 votes, 61.42%

Jasmine Ohene Darko
75 votes, 38.07%

Class of 2018

President

Maddie Creamer
139 votes, 99.29%

Vice President

Elise McNamara
136 votes, 100%

Treasurer

Marissa Cremin
134 votes, 99.26%

Secretary

Emily Spakauskas
136 votes, 100%

Historian

Alexis Finn
135 votes, 100%

Publicist

Jacob Lotter
70 votes, 50.36%

Colleen Andrews
69 votes, 49.64%

Campus Activities Board Spring Election Results

About 40 people cast ballots for the 2015-2016 executive board positions for the Campus Activities Board on April 29. The President of CAB is chosen in the SGA elections with the election of the vice president of programming. Where opposed, the winner is in bold.

President

Haley Batchelder
Class of 2016

Lauren Grams
Class of 2017

Vice President

Danny Chamberlain
Class of 2017

Event Coordinator

Alina Bracken
Class of 2017

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Emily Murphy
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The Westfield Voice
The Student Press of Westfield State University
would like to congratulate the winners of the
Student Government Association
elections. We wish you luck as you begin the summer and enter the fall!

gail's guidance

Dear Gail,

My roommate has sex while I'm asleep but I'm afraid to confront her. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Concerned roommate

Dear Concerned Roommate,

Girl, you got to let her know! That is totally disgusting. I mean, who does that? Totally gross. If you really want this to stop, you have to let her know. We all know roommate confrontations are tough, but this is especially brutal. Maybe leave her a strongly worded letter, or send a carrier pigeon with a note tied to its leg? Whatever way you decide to confront her, you have to tell her it is not okay for that to happen while you are still in the room. Weird! Good luck.

Ya girl Gail

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quick hits

top 10 singles

1. See You Again - Wiz Khalifa Ft. Charlie Puth
2. Uptown Funk! - Mark Ronson Ft. Bruno Mars
3. Earned It - The Weeknd
4. Sugar - Maroon 5
5. Trap Queen - Fetty Wap
6. Love Me Like You Do - Ellie Goulding
7. Thinking Out Loud - Ed Sheeran
8. Shut Up And Dance - Walk The Moon
9. G.D.F.R - Flo Rida Ft. Sage The Gemini & Lookas
10. Somebody - Natalie La Rose Ft. Jeremih

top 10 albums

1. Handwritten - Shawn Mendes
2. Furious 7 Soundtrack
3. Love Somebody - Reba
4. Cherry Bomb - Tyler the Creator
5. Into The Wild Life - Halestorm
6. Fifty Shades of Grey Soundtrack
7. 1989 - Taylor Swift
8. In The Lonely Hour - Sam Smith
9. X - Ed Sheeran
10. If You're Reading This It's Too Late - Drake

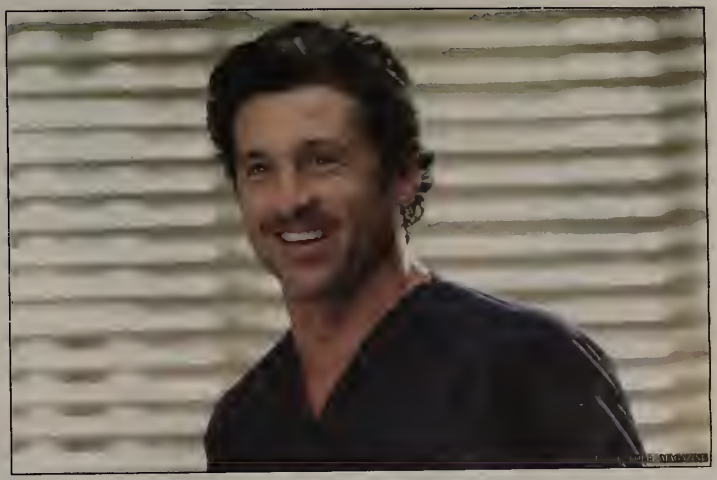
box office

1. Furious 7
2. Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2
3. The Age of Adaline
4. Home
5. Cybernatural
6. Ex Machina
7. The Longest Ride
8. Get Hard
9. Monkey Kingdom
10. Woman in Gold

upcoming releases

1. Hot Pursuit
2. Mad Max: Fury Road
3. Pitch Perfect 2
4. I'll See You In My Dreams
5. Tomorrowland
6. Spy
7. San Andreas
8. Insidious: Chapter 3
9. Aloha
10. Entourage

Dempsey leaving 'Grey's Anatomy' after death of Derek Shepherd



Patrick Dempsey, the co-star of the the hit ABC show 'Grey's Anatomy,' will be leaving the show after ten years. Dempsey has had a history of differences with creator Shonda Rhimes and also wants to focus on racecar driving.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

After surviving a shooting, a bomb, a plane crash and a multitude of natural disasters, Derek Shepherd, the leading man on the hit ABC show, "Grey's Anatomy," was killed in a horrific car crash on the Thursday, April 23 episode.

Shepherd, who had been the romantic interest of main character Meredith Grey since the first season of the medical drama aired in 2005, died of brain damage after doctor's failed to recognize that he was bleeding into his brain.

ABC called the episode one that America would never forget and the drama delivered – right from the very first scene in which Grey sees cops drive up to her house, presumably to give her bad news about her husband.

The episode then flashed back to Shepherd driving to the airport earlier and witnessing a gnarly two-car crash, prompting the surgeon to jump into action to save people, and save people he did.

He was able to stop the bleeding from a man's deep head wound, set up a splint for a woman who had a broken leg, help a trapped young girl escape from her car, and keep a teenage girl's intestines from spilling out onto the sidewalk by wrapping dry cleaning bags around her stomach.

Viewers waited with baited breath as Shepherd heroically saved those in need of assistance and muttered his famous phrase – "it's a beautiful day to save lives".

After ambulances came to take the injured away, it seemed as if Shepherd would walk away from the accident unscathed. But that couldn't have been further from the truth. Shepherd then got into his car, pulled out his phone and was t-boned by a semi truck.

Shepard was taken to a small hospital, which was not equipped to handle such serious wounds.

Viewers had to watch in horror as they saw Shepherd unable verbally communicate, but still able to think about what was happening to him. He diagnosed his own injuries and, as a neurosurgeon, realized the worst damage of all – he was bleeding into his brain and nobody would know unless the doctors ordered him a head CT.

The doctors failed to recognize his head wound and he lamented "I'm going to die because these people aren't properly trained."

Alas, Shepherd's head wound was discovered but it was too late and he fell into a vegetative state. Grey then had to make the painful decision to keep her husband on life support or pull the plug.

A montage of Grey and Shepherd's 11 year romance played as she was forced to make the tough decision. She decided to pull the plug. "Derek, it's okay," Grey said tearfully, "you go. We'll be fine."

Patrick Dempsey's exit from "Grey's Anatomy" comes after rumors of clashes with the show creator, Shonda Rhimes, reaching levels that she could no longer handle.

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White House Correspondents Dinner and performances enjoyable for celebrities, politicians, and media alike

Comedian Cecily Strong performed a funny and politcally critical set at the White House Correspondents Dinner on April 25. The night was a light-hearted and enjoyable one.

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

The White House Correspondents Dinner, affectionately duhbed 'nerd prom' by members of the media, drew attendance by politicians, celebrities, and members of the media on Saturday night.

The annual dinner included funny speeches by both President Obama and 'Saturday Night Live' cast member Cecily Strong.

Obama came to the podium and started off strong, playing a montage of photoshopped images of the president with the song "I Don't Care, I Love It" playing in the background. Some of the images in the montage included Obama golfing on the top of the White House, his secret service limo taking him to an Arby's drive-thru and his face photoshopped on to Mount Rushmore.

Obama started off by talking about the fact that he did not have a bucket list, but something that rhymed with "bucket" list. He brought up his executive action on immigration and smiled widely. "Bucket!" Obama said gleefully.

The president addressed critics who called him the worst president of their lifetime. "I think Dick Cheney is the worst president of my lifetime," said Obama.

Jokes bout Obama's religion and national origin continued to appear in his speech and poked fun at Joe Biden as well as the new Indiana "Religious Freedom" law.

"We've gotten so close, in some places in Indiana they won't serve us pizza anymore," Obama said of his close friendship with the Vice President.

His speech wasn't just jokes, however, as the president took time to make a toast to the fallen and imprisoned journalists who had been victims over the last year. Obama praised that they risked their lives to shine a light in the world's darkest corners.

Comedienne Cecily Strong followed Obama, something she joked about. "Feels right to have a woman follow President Obama, doesn't it?" Strong said, obviously making reference to Hillary Clinton.

Strong made light of many issues but also made strong statements through her humor.

Strong skewered the perspective republican presidential candidates, especially Rand Paul. One jab Strong made was, "Rand, as in 'he didn't get elected but at least he 'Rand'."

Strong also made strong statements about the current state of police violence against African Americans, saying that the Secret Service is the only law enforcement agency in the country that will get in trouble if a black man is shot.

Keegan-Michael Key also featured at the correspondents dinner in the popular character from his television show 'Key & Peele,' Luther. Luther is President Obama's anger translator. He translated the things that Obama said in his speech into the way apolitically correct way that he truly feels about the topics.

Overall, the dinner was successful at addressing serious issues while also providing influential people with an enjoyable and unique night.

Bruce Jenner talks gender identity, personal struggles in interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer

Nicole Cooke
Voice Reporter

In an emotional and informative interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer, Bruce Jenner confirmed rumors that have been swirling for months and confirmed that he is a transgender woman and would be transitioning from a male into a female.

Jenner was visibly emotional as he told Diane Sawyer that he could not live a lie anymore and he wanted to tell "her" truth.

"For all intents and purposes, I am a woman," Jenner said. He said that he had always felt that his brain was more female than male and he had always been confused with his gender identity.

Jenner said that he would dress up in his sister's dresses and his mother's scarves and go out when he was younger.

He would mark his sister's closet so he could put the dresses back in the right place to avoid being caught.

Training for the Olympics was the best way to run away from his problems, Jenner said. Fighting to win was a way that he could prove his masculine identity to himself, even if he didn't fully believe it.

Jenner said that he had a hard time after the Olympics were over, because then he had to focus on his real issues.

After his divorce from his second wife, which happened in part because of his gender identity issues – Jenner said that he started the transition process in the 80's, getting surgeries and taking hormones for five years before 'chickening out'.

"You can fake it for a long time," Jenner said.

Jenner and Sawyer took the time to educate audiences about what it means to be transgender. One of the big points was the difference between sexual attraction and gender identity. Jenner described sexual attraction as whom you go to bed with, and gender identity as whom you go to bed as.

Part of the reason why Jenner waited so long to come out was because he was scared about how it would affect his children. "I can't let myself hurt them," Jenner tearfully said.

Four of Jenner's ten children appeared on the special and all were supportive of his decision.

"I feel like I'm getting an upgraded version of my dad," Brandon Jenner said and added that he felt it was "tragic" that his father could not be his true self for so long.

His son Brody said that everything "finally made sense," his daughter Casey said that she held him and cried with him when he told her, and his older son, Burt, echoed his thoughts of support.

Two of Jenner's ex wives sent words of support for Jenner, as did Jenner's sister and his mother.

His mother said that, after the Olympics, she did not know that she could be more proud of him, but now she is learning that she can be.

Jenner touched upon how he felt during filming on "Keeping Up With The Kardashians." He said that during all the episodes and all the years, he had the "real" story. Jenner felt that his story could change some lives.

"What I'm doing is going to do some good," Jenner said.

Jenner said if and when he decides to have sexual reassignment surgery, it would be on his own terms and he would not announce it. He said that he was looking forward to wearing dresses and wearing nail polish long enough so that it can chip.

"I feel like I'm gonna be okay," Jenner said.

For more about Transgender terms and information please go to http://www.glaad.org/transgender/trans101.

(Note: Jenner has said that he would like people to use male pronouns at this point in time and will announce his female name and what pronouns he prefers when he is ready.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Griffin earns MASCAC Player of the Year honor

WSU Athletic Department

Westfield State University junior attack Meg Griffin(Granby/Granby, Conn.) has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference 2015 Women's Lacrosse Player of the Year.

Griffin led an Owls sweep of the league's major awards, as teammate Brooke Williams (Minnechaug/Wilbraham, Mass.) was selected the rookie of the year, and second-year head coach Jeff Pechulis was named the loop's coach of the year in a vote of his peers.

Overall, Westfield had five players name to the conference's first team and two more named to the second team. Westfield State dominated league play with a perfect 7-0 record in the league (12-4 overall) and is the top seed in the conference tournamant.

Griffin was joined on the first team by senior Stephanie Lenhardt(Duxhury/Duxhury, Mass.), junior midfielder Blair Smith (Milford/Milford, Mass.), senior defender Ashley Spindel (Nipmuc Regional/Mendon, Mass.) and junior goalie Mimi Khampaeng (Minnechaug/Wilbraham, Mass.).

Junior Meg Griffin of Granby, Connecticut has won the 2015 MASCAC Player of the Year for women's lacrosse. She tallied 54 goals and 21 assists in only twelve games, all of which she started.

Freshman midfielder Stephanie Godek (West Springfield/West Springfield, Mass.) and junior defender Jenn White (Chapel Hill Chauncey Hall/Medford, Mass.) were named to the second team.

Griffin leads the Owls in scoring with 54 goals and 21 assists in just 12 games this season. She missed several games at the end of the season due to injury. The junior captain ranks leads the league with 6.25 points per game and ranks 10th in the nation in Division III in that category. She also has a team high 44 draw controls, typically taking the center draw for the Owls.

Williams has 21 goals and 19 assists, with 28 ground balls and 19 draw controls for the Owls. The speedy freshman has been a key part of the Owls transition game this season.

A senior captain, Lenhardt leads the Owls with 31 assists this season and has added 29 goals. She ranks as the Owls all-time assist leader with 110.

Smith ranks second on the Owls with 37 goals and added six assists for 43 points. She has taken over the center draw with Griffin out and has 40 draw controls this season.

Khampaeng has started all 16 games in goals for the Owls and has a 12-3 record in goal, a 10.00 goals against average, and a .488 save percentage.

Spindel has been a mainstay of the Owls stingy defense. The senior captain has 23 ground balls, 10 caused turnovers and seven draw controls. Westfield allows opponents just 9.88 goals per game, and the Owls were better in conference play, yielding just 7.57 goals per game.

White was a part of the Owls strong defensive corps, recording 30 ground balls, nine caused turnovers and garnered 12 draw controls.

Godek scored 18 goals and added eight assists for 26 points on the season. She has 32 draw controls and 10 caused turnovers from solid all-around midfield play.

Pechulis is in his second season as head coach of the Owls after several years as an assistant coach. He led the team to a school-record 12 consecutiva wins after the team started 0-4. The Owls won their first outright league title, and first MASCAC conference title this season.

Westfield will play host to #4 seed Worcester State on Thursday evening at Alumni Field. The Owls defeated the Lancers 19-12 earlier this season. Last year, Worcester State eliminated the Owls from the conference tournament with a 12-9 decision in Worcester in the semifinals.

Scores of Past Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 23rd
Softball vs Worcester State (DH) L 2-3/W 6-1
Baseball vs Worcester State (DH) W 6-3/L 2-7
Friday, April 24th
Baseball vs ECSU L 4-14
Saturday, April 25th
Baseball vs Mass. Maritime (DH) L 2-4/L 3-7
Softball vs Mass. Maritime (DH) W 9-0/W 15-0
W LAX at Framingham State W 19-13
M/W Track at MASCAC Championsbips 1st/3rd
W Golf at Williams College Invite
Sunday, April 26th
Baseball at Fitchburg State (DH) W 9-0/L 2-3
Softball at Fitchburg State (DH) W 6-2/W 3-1

Upcoming Owls Athletics Events

Thursday, April 30th
Baseball begins MASCAC Tournament
Softball at Salem State 4:30 pm
W LAX MASCAC Semifinals 7:00 pm
Friday, May 1st
M/W Track at New England Division III Champions
Softball begins MASCAC Tournament
Baseball at MASCAC Tournament
Saturday, May 2nd
W LAX at MASCAC Championship
Friday, May 8th
M/W Track at All New England Championships
Saturday, May 9th
M/W Track at All New England Championship

Owls lead MASCAC all academic team

WSU Athletic Department

The release of the Winter 2015 All-Academic Team today had Westfield State University placing first with the most student-athletes on the Winter 2015 MASCAC All-Academic Team.

"I'm proud of our student athletes and teams performance hoth in the classroom and in competition during the winter season," Athletic Director Richard Lenfest said. "Their academic performance is a testament to their commitment and dedication in the classroom."

83 total Owl student-athletes that competed in championship varsity sports offered by aach of the MASCAC institutions during the course of the Winter 2015 athletic season and achieved a 3.20 cumulative or semester-hased grade point average.

MASCAC competitors Bridgewater State University (71), Worcester State University (68) and Fitchhurg State University (65) followed with a large number or student-athletes on the All-Academic Team.

"I want to applaud all the MASCAC student-athletes who were named to the Winter MASCAC All-Academic Team," Commissioner Angela Baumann said.

"It is a great accomplishment to see our student-athletes succeed both outside on tha field of competition and in the classroom."

Palma, Craig set more meet records

Westfield's winning 4x100 relay team; Ashley Craig, Meg McNamara, Sabrina Pray and Emily Mulcahy

WSU Athletic Department

Freshman Jessie Cardin and junior Naloti Palma each won a pair of events for Westfield State, as the Owls placed third at the 2015 MASCAC women's outdoor track and field championships at Fitchburg State University on Saturday.

Cardin doubled up in the 1500 and 3000 meters, while Palma took titles in the shot put and the discus.

Palma's discus throw of 40.04m (131'-04") was a meet record. She put the shot 13.14m (43'-01.50").

Cardin ran 4:49.56 in the 1500 and 18:22.27 in the 3000.

Westfield got another meet record-setting performance from freshman pole-vaulter Ashley Craig, who cleared 3.42m (11'-02.50") in winning the vault.

Craig was also part of the Owls winning 4x100 relay team. She teamed with Meg McNamara, Sabrina Pray and Emily Mulcahy to post a time of 50.56 seconds.

Julianna Miller rounded out the list of Owls who won their event by claiming the title in the hammer with a throw of 45.89m (150'-07").

Worcester State 186 and Bridgewater State tied for the team title with 186 points each. Westfield placed a close third with 161 points, followed by Fitchburg State with 99 and Mass Maritime with 6 points.

Rugby 7s tournament at Westfield brings awareness to Hero Helpers of America

Andrew McIntosh
Voice Reporter

This past Saturday, the Westfield State Men's Club Rugby team hosted their first annual sevens tournament.

Organized by the clubs very own Justin Donnini, the tournament, or as it was referred to in the weeks leading up to it, the "Rumble in the Nest" was a charity tournament for Hero Helpers of America in order to raise money to support veterans and their family's. The event was a great day for rugby and was also able to create much needed support and awareness for this great charity.

There were eight teams participating in the tournament including both the Westfield Owls A and B-sides. The A-side is expected to be the Varsity line up for the upcoming season fall season while the B-side is mostly freshmen and new players trying to gain experience. Graduating seniors and other rugby alumni decided to get involved in the event entering as the "Westfield Black Squirrels".

Many other universities from the surrounding area participated as well including Merrimack's A and B-sides, Lasell College, University of New England and Western New England University. Overall, it was a great turn out for the tournament's inaugural year.

Traditionally, rugby is played with 15 people on each team, however in this version there are only seven. This makes for a much faster game and requires more finesse and speed. The objective of the game is still the same, get the ball in the end zone and ground it in the in-goal area to score.

In the first game, the Owls A-side fell victim to UNE but made a turnaround later in the tournament as they eventually won the tournament. The man of the tournament for the Owls A-side was freshmen Tyler Tannian who was a standout all day.

The Owl rugby program has been a tremendous success ever since the club's founding in 2008.

Westfield unfortunately has had very little experience playing sevens since the Owls have been primarily a 15's club. The fall season is when 15's is played and the club traditionally views that as the varsity season while the focus of spring season is mostly developmental.

That has started to change over the past few years due to more scheduled 15's matches for the younger players to gain experience early. That has allowed the spring season to focus on sevens as more of a priority.

The tournament ended the best way possible in my opinion with the Owls and Squirrels meeting up in the final. Current players against alumni in an all-Westfield match up, giving current players a chance to go up against some of their former teammates in a final for the ages.

It was a barnburner until the end and ultimately the Westfield State Owls defeated the Squirrels. The torch has been passed down to this young Owls team and hopefully the momentum from this win will carry into the fall.

All in all it was a great day for Rugby and more importantly, an even better day for Hero Helpers of America at Westfield State.

Intramural Standings

5v5 Basketball - Highly Skilled

Congratulations to HYFR for winning the Highly Skilled championship for the Spring 2015 semester.

5v5 Basketball Skilled

Congratulations to Rocket Power for winning the Skilled championship for the Spring 2015 semester.

Floor Hockey - Highly Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Well Hung Dry-Wallers	6	1	2	14
2	Grinders	6	2	0	12
3	Peanut Butter & Jealous	2	2	1	5
4	Bustin' Brains	3	0	1	7
5	Octopus G's	3	5	1	7
6	Glen Murray's	1	3	3	5
7	East Bartlett Bandits	0	4	0	0

Floor Hockey - Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	69ers	7	0	0	14
2	Space Monkey Mafia	7	1	0	14
3	Public Safety	4	0	0	8
4	Ruff Riders	3	1	1	7
4	Westfield Man Dimes	3	3	1	7
5	Below Average Andys	3	3	0	6
6	Back That Pass Up	2	2	3	7
7	Bucks	3	3	1	7
8	The Goons	1	1	0	2
9	OGBC	1	6	0	2
10	Carpet Cleaners	1	4	0	2
11	Deadbeat Creeps	1	3	1	3
12	The 80s	1	5	0	2
13	Dangle Snipe Celly	0	7	0	0

Frisbee

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Child Star Hip Hop	2	0	0	4
2	OGBC	2	0	0	4
3	Bucks	0	2	0	0
4	Time X	0	2	0	0

Sand Volleyball

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Well Hung Dry-Wallers	8	0	0	16
2	Looks That Could Kill	5	1	0	10
3	Sets on the Beach	5	2	0	10
4	Bangerz	5	4	0	10
5	Bomb Squad	3	3	0	6
6	Setting the Bar Higher	3	3	0	6
7	OGBC	3	2	0	6
8	Back That Pass Up	2	2	0	4
9	Hit It, Don't Quit It	2	4	0	4
10	Vicious & Delicious	1	4	0	2
11	Ed Hil That	1	3	0	2
12	I Hit Wonders	1	1	0	2
13	Hot Shots	0	4	0	0

Softball - Highly Skilled

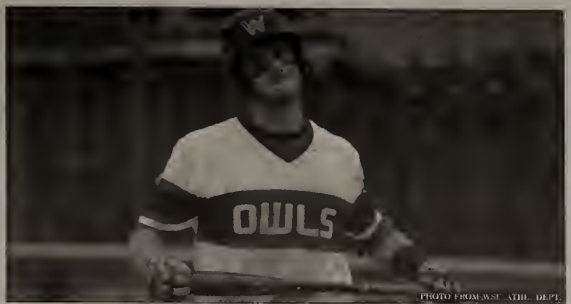
Staadings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Hit It & Quit It	4	1	0	8
2	Hairy Beavers	3	1	0	6
3	TDMP	2	1	0	4
4	Do Your Job	3	2	0	6
5	Ball Dads	2	2	0	4
6	Bad News Bears	1	4	0	2
7	The 4th Base Bullies	1	3	0	2
8	Maa Dimes	2	0	0	4
9	Baugerz	1	4	0	2
10	I Hit Wonders	0	0	0	0
11	Hit It, Don't Quit It	0	2	0	0
12	Hot Shots	0	1	0	0
13	Vicious & Delicious	0	2	0	0

Softball - Skilled

Standings	Team	Wins	Loses	Ties	Points
1	Below Average Andys	5	0	0	10
2	Space Monkey Mafia	2	0	0	4
3	The Funnel Guys	1	1	0	2
4	Baby J's	4	1	0	8
5	Super Sonics	3	1	0	6
6	FFT Tech	2	1	0	4
7	Double D's	3	2	0	6
8	Bucks	1	3	1	3
9	Screaming Seagulls	1	4	0	2
10	My Dreams Team	1	4	0	2
11	Deadbeat Creeps	0	1	1	1
12	Gonzos	0	1	0	0
13	Creepy Crabs	0	3	0	0

Owls enter postseason hot after victory over WCSU

Nic Odell
Voice Reporter



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The baseball team has completed their regular season and are gearing up for the MASCAC tournament. Danny Dimatteo (above) will hope to carry his .385 average into the postseason.

The Westfield State baseball team ended its regular season on a high note defeating Western Connecticut State 14-5 in a non-conference home game Tuesday afternoon.

The Owls finish the regular season with a 20-12 record. They have now finished with at least 20 wins in six of the last eight seasons. Western Connecticut falls to 15-14 after the big loss.

Westfield notched an impressive 17 hits in the win, including a 4-4 day for senior designated hitter Tim Santilli. Santilli's hig day at the plate included a double, triple, and three RBI's. Junior outfielder Danny DiMatteo was extremely productive as well finishing the game 3-5 with two triples and two RBI's.

Other Owls who contributed offensively including senior Jeremy Tanguay, junior Dan McCormack and junior Connor Sheridan who each had a pair of hits.

Westfield's hats have heen one of the real strong points of this teams season. The Owls finished the regular season with an impressive team hatting average of .294. This has been a banner aeason offensively to say the leaat and hopefully this momentum at the plate will carry over into a productive post season.

Junior first haseman and outfielder Danny DiMatteo had one of the more productive seasons at the plate in recent memory. He finished this year with a final batting average of .385. Not only did he dominate offensively. he did so without missing a aingle game, starting in all 32 played this season.

Freshman Nate Marshall picked up the win for the Owls, tossing four innings while allowing only two runs on four hits. The Owls defense was ahle to hold off Western Connecticut despite committing six errors. These defensive lapses need to be improved on and eliminated heading into the post season if Westfield wants to make a deep run.

Mike Hersey, Ray Bell, Jeff Svendsen, Chris Servello, and Adam Graves came on for relief out of the bullpen, following Marshall's atart. This pitcher hy committee strategy has been used by the Owls multiple times this season and has been thus far very successful.

Western Connecticut recorded 12 hits of their own in the contest however that wasn't enough. Catcher Bryan Harper finished 3-3, while Gus Constantino and Matt Greene each had a pair of hits.

Pitcher Andrew Fogarty started for the Colonials and picked up the loss. Fogarty unfortunately for Western Connecticut gave up 14 hits in just 4.2 innings of work. In his defense six of them were unearned although eight earned runs in that few innings is still nothing to hang your hat on.

Defensively, Western Connecticut was also not as fundamentally sound as they could have been, committing four errors of tbeir own.

As the regular season wraps up, the 2015 Owls haseball team has to be proud of the way it has gone. The Owls secured the fifth seed heading into the MASCAC tournament beginning on Thursday. They play a single-elimination game at four-seeded Framingham State in what should be an excellent first round match up.

Westfield Wins MASCAC Men's Track Title

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Westfield's 2015 MASCAC Championship Men's Track and Field Team

WSU Athletic Department

Two individual athletes won MASCAC titlea, and two relay teams won their races to help lead Westfield State to the MASCAC men's track and field title at Fitchburg State on Saturday.

Westfield has been the dominant force in the league since its founding, winning its 35th title in 42 years, and their second straight outdoor championship

Junior Travon Godette (Mahar/Orange, Mass.) won both the javelin and the high jump. He took home the title in the javelin for the second straight year with a throw of 60.72m (199'-02"). In the high jump, Godette cleared 1.98m (6-06.00").

Junior pole vaulter Zack Delisle (Chicopee Comp/Chicopee, Mass.) was the Owls other individual champion, clearing 4.15m (13'-07.2').

Westfield claimed the league crown in both the 4x400 and the 4x800 meter relays. John Tomlin, Kyle Sullivan, Mike Stender and Jon Streeks won the 4x400 in 3:22.01.

Steve Parece, Tevin Cintron and Colin Morse handed off to Matt Moussamih in the 4x800, with the Owls breaking the tape in 8:04.30.

Team depth, as exhibited by the Owls' relay success, was another key to the win. With the six spots scoring points in each event, the Owls had three individuals score in the triple jump, where Dereck Stone (2nd), Godette (4th), and Jon Streeks (5th) scored; the steeplechase, with Steve Connolly, Shawn Luce and Chas Hodgdon scoring; the 10,000 with Chris Williams, Derik Noland and Zak Gross; the 400 with Tomlin, Sullivan and Stender; the 800 with Moussamih, Parece and Moussamih; the 5000 with Mike Skelly, Williams and Connolly; the shot put Brian Garcia, Anthony Lucia and Steve Sam; and the high jump, where Stone and Jacob Clements each added points to the Owls' winning tally.

Westfield State finished witb 219.50, outdistancing runner up Bridgewater St. 199.50, Worcester State 135, Fitchburg St. 75 and Mass. Maritime 16.

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Blackhawks remain favorites as NHL playoffs begin second round

Jack Corsi
Voice Reporter

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for round two. The NHL playoffs have been spectacular so far and with the potential matchups ahead in round two, we are in for another excitement filled round.

Many see it as a shock that the Blues are out, however I do not. The Blues have no goaltending, plain and simple. Jake Allen and Brian Elliot have proved that they aren't franchise goalies leaving Coach Ken Hitchcock with plenty of personnel decisions to make this offseason.

Anaheim and Calgary will meet in the conference semi-final. Standouts Johnny Gaudreau and Corey Perry are names to watch while the goaltending in this one could be the final deciding factor as Jonas Hiller meets his former club. There is plenty of firepower on the Ducks end and with no Mark Giardano in the lineup for the Flames, I see the Ducks taking this one. Calgary needs to steal at least one of the opening games in order to contend but I still like the Ducks in a six game series that is sure to be filled with fireworks.

Chicago will play Minnesota and it's same the matchup just a new season. Minnesota's Devan Duhynk is a story to watch although Chicago doesn't lose before the conference finals too often. Kane, Toews and Sharp are just three of the many powers on this potent 'Hawks team to watch.

On the Minnesota side of this series Chicago needs to watch out for Zach Parise who always seems to thrive in a big game atmosphere. I like Chicago to win this one since Minnesota seems to still be one piece away from making a serious run. Unfortunately I don't see it coming this year and have the Blackhawks taking this one in 6.

Once again the Rangers and Capitals are set to play giving fans another chance for fans to see the Blue Shirts take on Alexander the Great. There is absolutely no love between these division rivals and the two teams playing in the second round could get very physical.

This series will be a battle game in and out and the Rangers will probably need to win one in Washington if they're going to have a chance.

When Alexander Ovechkin scores, the Capitals tend to be very successful. These two teams have met 5 out of the last seven years in the postseason, so we all know it's exciting when they meet. I like Washington in seven since it may be do or die time for Alexander Ovechkin.

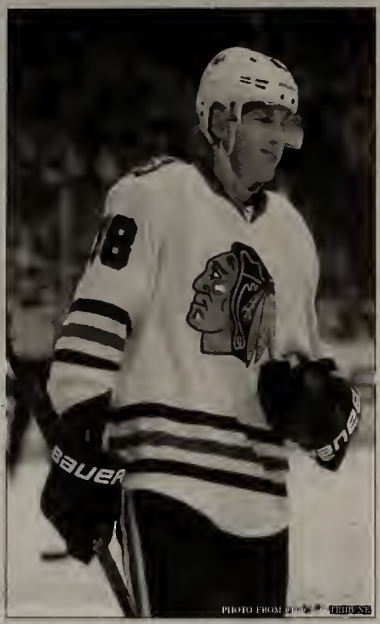
Montreal will meet Tampa Bay, in what could be the most fast paced series in all of the playoffs. The two met last season with Montreal taking it in 4 games.

Steven Stamkos was quiet in round 1 and I would think that this isn't something that will last. Tyler Johnson has come out of nowhere this postseason, scoring goals at will.

Carey Price, the goaltender for the Canadians cannot be overlooked either since the possible Vezina winner has had his moments. But in the end I like Tampa to take it in 7 games.

In the conference finals I think it will be Anaheim-Chicago and Tampa Bay-Washington. Both of these series have teams who have a lot to prove, but if you ask me I like a rematch of the Winter Classic to be in the Stanley Cup Final.

It should go down to the final seventh game but I think the Blackhawks will take the cup and rebound from that loss in the National's capital on New Year's Day.



Patrick Kane (above) and the Chicago Blackhawks are the favorites to win the 2015 Stanley Cup. They will have to win the unpredictable Western Conference where they will most likely face the Rangers in the finals.

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Sports in America

People of all ages are affected by sports in America today. Whether it be playing or watching, sports can help people overcome incredible adversity.

Sports are the ultimate example of community, teamwork, and human interaction. They can help lift up communities after a tragedy like the New York Yankees after 9/11 or the New Orleans Saints after Hurricane Katrina. The players can also be activists for social equality like the St. Louis Rams this past year.

Michael Barry
Sports Editor

My name is Michael Barry and I'm the newly appointed sports editor here at The Westfield Voice. I volunteered to take this position as sports editor for the only reason that made sense, which is that I love sports.

As far as I'm concerned, there is nothing in the world more pure at its core than sports, and more specifically, team sports. There's no better feeling in the world than people coming together, setting aside their personal differences and working as a unit to achieve a common goal.

What I am about to say I'm sure you've all seen plastered on your Facebook news feed and your Twitter timeline, racial inequality in America is as prevalent today as it has ever been and something needs to be done about it. It is flat out unacceptable, and as Americans we need to come together to fix it, and we need to do it now.

Life in general, if it is to be lived right by all, must be treated and approached the way team sports are. Human beings by nature are territorial, defensive and confrontational. As a people, we must recognize, accept and try to work through this. This has never been clearer in my lifetime than right now with all of the violence, police brutality, rioting and the overall racial tension that is at the forefront of the American landscape today.

Have a conversation with someone who is a basketball fan and mention Carmelo Anthony. The small forward for the New York Knicks, is a player who, at this stage of his career, is someone they wouldn't want on their team. It's not because he isn't an excellent player, but because he only seems concerned with his own personal success instead if the success of his team.

Carmelo, throughout his career, has averaged a solid 25 points per game. This stat as impressive as it seems, is a bit watered down when you realize that he makes less than half of the shots he takes with a career 45.2 shooting percentage. He also only averages three assists per game and is considered a defensive liability by most basketball fans.

To add to that, he selfishly played through a knee injury during the first half of this season, allowing him to be eligible for the All-Star game that was held in New York. Once the game was over, he announced he would need knee surgery and would ultimately be out for the rest of the season.

> "As far as I'm concerned, there is nothing in the world more pure at its core than sports, and more specifically, team sports. There's no better feeling in the world than people coming together, setting aside their personal differences and working as a unit to achieve a common goal."

Many people speculate the only reason he played through this injury for as long as he did was so be could be in the All-Star game and show off his own personal skills. This theory doesn't seem to far-fetched since he played the second most minutes out of anyone in the game, shot 6-20 from the field and managed to not record a single assist despite his team scoring 158 points.

In a league where team success is held at a much higher standard than individual success, this level of selfishness over time is intolerable. What I cannot understand is why is life any different?

In regard to the riots and violence in Baltimore, instead of just writing them off as "thugs" or "criminals", ask yourself the question, "How many times would you let someone hit you until you hit them back?" We need as Americans to put ourselves in someone else's position and think how you would act if you were them. There is no justification for violence, however we need to realize that majority of this violence on both ends of this issue is out of fear and self defense.

Everyone in this country, whether they are white, black, rich, poor or any other label we want to throw on them, all want to achieve the same goal. Unfortunately, it is our own individual agendas that are regarded as most important, and not the common good of everyone. Why is this not okay in sports, but perfectly acceptable in every day life?

We have to acknowledge and accept the cultural and socioeconomic differences that this country has as well as create a dialogue so that understanding can be had amongst all Americans. On every side of the racial divides in America reasons for being as angry and defensive as we are, are not any different from the way anyone of us feel. We all want the same thing and that needs to be addressed.

It was Spike Lee who said after the 2004 ALCS, "Sport is the greatest theater because it cannot be scripted." With that being said, sports and life are one in the same. If we want America to truly be the land of equal opportunity we need to come together to reach this common goal just like any sports team has to. Then will success as a nation will be truly achieved.

Rough Draft

Marcus Mariota of Oregon may not be selected first overall by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but his Heisman Trophy and work ethic will help him succeed.

The NFL Draft begins on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the Auditorium Theater in Chicago. This will be the first time in fifty years that the draft was not held in New York and has been surrounded by uncertainty. Quarterbacks Jameis Winston and Marcus Mariota (above) are expeted to be selected with the first and second picks.

Jon Rebmann
Sporta Editor

Ahout two months ago, I wrote an article on the NFL Combine and made some bold predictions on which players will stand out and who will go where in the NFL Draft. Now, with the draft just days away, it's time to capitalize on some predictions and make a few more as we head into one of the most exciting weekends of the sports year.

As I predicted earlier, Jameis Winston will almost surely be the top overall pick in this year's draft. The former Florida State Seminole will likely remain in Florida and lead the up-and-coming Tampa Bay Buccaneers on the path to a possible playoff spot in the already weak NFC South. However, Marcus Mariota's future, on the other hand, is not as certain.

The Tennessee Titans hold the second overall pick, but they have announced that they plan on developing Zach Mettenherger into their starting quarterhack. The sixth-round pick held his own last season, completing 107 of his 179 attempts in the air while adding eight touchdowns and seven interceptions for a QBR of 83.4. On this underdeveloped team, Mettenberger will have the perfect opportunity to develop and grow as a leader for the Titans.

With that said, Mettenherger might not he that reliable. He has a history of behavioral prohlems, including his removal from the University of Georgia for violation of team rules, as well as two misdemeanor charges for sexual assault. Mariota, on the other hand, has a clean record and a Heisman to boot, but might not he ready right out of college to start, although he can certainly fill the backup role until he is ready to take the helm.

On the contrary, if the Titans do decide to stick with Mettenberger and not draft Mariota, they can select Leonard Williams out of USC and boost their suh-par defensive line, meaning that Mariota could slip down. If he does, Mariota will he open bait for anyone willing to trade for him.

Between Winston and Mariota, I had also predicted that one of them will he a hust. As I had originally stated, I believe Mariota will be the hust and that Winston will still he the more successful of the two. Although Winston did not perform well in the 40-yard dash during the NFL Comhine, he showed his maturity issues are no longer a concern by nailing the interviews and showing that he has the tools that he needs to lead the Buccaneers to success. Who knows, he may even get a Pro Bowl spot in a few years.

As for Amari Cooper, I had also predicted earlier that he would go to the Jets. However, the validity of this statement is now heavily dependent on the Oakland Raiders. Although it seemed as if Oakland was going to draft a defensive lineman to compliment Khalil Mack, it has hecome much more apparent that their higgest need might be at wide receiver to he a target for Derek Carr.

If Oakland was to choose between Kevin White and Amari Cooper, they would he wise to go with Cooper. Although White has matured rapidly as a player and will continue to grow, Cooper was the hest player in the hest conference in college foothall after gaining 1,727 receiving yards and catching 16 touchdown passes last year.

His comhine stats are just as good too, with a reported 33" vertical leap and a 4.42 40-yard dash. Although White is almost just as comparahle, you still cannot deny that it is more impressive considering Cooper faced much more formidable opponents. With that said, it's safe to say that he'd he able to match up and adjust to the NFL quicker, and therefore he would be a safer long term pick for the Raiders. Assuming the Raiders go with Cooper, and that Mariota is off the board, you can still expect the Jets to draft a wide receiver with the sixth pick, although this time they might have to settle on Kevin White.

Finally, I had predicted Cedric Ogbuehi that he would he a top 10 pick, however Oghuehi'a stock has dropped, not because of his diminishing talent, but hecause everyone else has gotten hetter.

An All-American lineman on the best pass coverage team in the country last year in Texas A&M, Ogbuehi is one of the most NFL-ready prospects in this round, however offensive prospects have gained considerable ground, including running hacks Todd Gurley and Melvin Gordon. Because of this, Ogbuehi has been left as the odd man out.

Surely, Oghuehi will be an asset wherever he goes, and his position on the draft board should not diminish this. Just as Aaron Rodgers slipped to the 24th overall pick in the 2005 NFL Draft, Ogbuehi might do the same. Either way, he should be an excellent lineman for any team that drafts him.

This year's draft features some amazing prospects and some even higger questions heading into it.

The only certainty is that the Browns will inevitably hlow their pick as usual.

horoscopes

May the stars be ever in your favor

Aries
(March 21 - April 20):
The stars predict that you will pass all of your finals with flying colors! Trust them. You do not even need to bother studying.

Taurus
(April 21 – May 21):
The position of Pluto suggests that great fortune awaits you, Taurus! Should anyone in their right mind trust a mere dwarf planet?

Gemini
(May 22 – June 21):
Keep your chin up during these last couple weeks of school -- the long hoarders are getting reckless.

Cancer
(June 23 – July 22):
Avoid the rope swing at the lake this summer unless you want to take a surprise trip.

Leo
(July 23 – August 23):
A substantial pay raise awaits the guy at your summer camp who put in all of the effort while you accompanied your campers to the nurse's office.

Virgo
(August 24 – September 22):
A fierce summer romance awaits your best friend. Be proactive and find his replacement now.

Libra
(September 23 – October 22):
Your loved ones will be overcome with joy when you win the raffle for that one-way ticket to the Bahamas.

Scorpio
(October 23 – November 21):
Scorpios have always struggled with lots of stress during finals week. The stars believe that listening to the Backstreet Boys while doing so will increase your test scores by 200%!

Sagittarius
(November 22 – December 21):
With all the free time awaiting you this summer, why not get out of the house and spend some time at the local arcade trying to break your Pacman record?

Capricorn
(December 22 – January 19):
The stars know your stress, Capricorn. But if you consider how insignificant your life is in the grand scheme of the universe, why should they care?

Aquarius
(January 20 – February 18):
Exercise extreme caution around all Taurus's this week. They are looking to collect all of the money that you borrowed from them this semester.

Pisces
(February 19 – March 20):
The stars report that your summer will remain as mundane as your spring has been. Would it kill you to look for some excitement in your life, Pisces?

Golf

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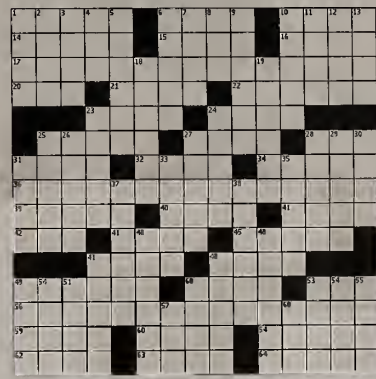


Across

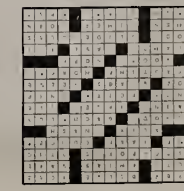
1. Silver Ghost, for short
6. Break down
10. Courageous act
14. Whopper topper, maybe
15. Lab media
16. Make goo-goo eyes at
17. O
20. River into the English Channel
21. Bean-spillers
22. Radio button
23. Ring attachments
24. Blacken on the grill
25. The Grand Canyon, e.g.
27. Tyne or Tim
28. Healthy joint?
31. Tie over, in music
32. Proton's place
34. Prohibit, in legalese
36. O
39. Bird-related
40. "The Good Earth" heroine
41. Answer man Trebek
42. Type of meat
43. Pride and envy, for two
45. Old elevator cars
47. Where the vein is
48. Shank's ___
49. Is in store for
52. Seasoning and preservative
53. Santa subordinate
56. O
59. Work without ___
60. Racer Yarborough
61. Partner of lather and repeat
62. Column crossers
63. Legendary hammer-wielder
64. Matzohs lack it

Down

1. Secondhand gat of song
2. Semiprecious stone
3. Ade flavor
4. High return?
5. Annoys a spouse, in a way
6. Floats on the breeze
7. Some performers' problems
8. It may be pulled in charades
9. Move along
10. Anteroom
11. They're all they're cracked up to be
12. Away from the weather
13. Place for a revival
18. Nonprofessional
19. Took a look inside?
23. Lennon's "Instant ___!"
24. Island group studied by Mead
25. Garlic unit
26. Muggy
27. Guys' Broadway counterparts
28. Vogue
29. Innocent and others
30. Crest
31. Unwanted line
33. Porterhouse alternative
35. Kind of coach
37. At the scene
38. Standing by
44. Pitcher plant's snack
46. Major thoroughfare
47. Chefs' protectors
48. "Politically Incorrect" Bill
49. Some miles away
50. Dipsomaniac
51. "___ Good Men"
52. French town of WWII fame
53. Hot spot of Sicily
54. Mars, in a phrase
55. Be a worrywart
57. "I don't think so"
58. Score before overtime

maze

Crossword Solution From 4/17



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